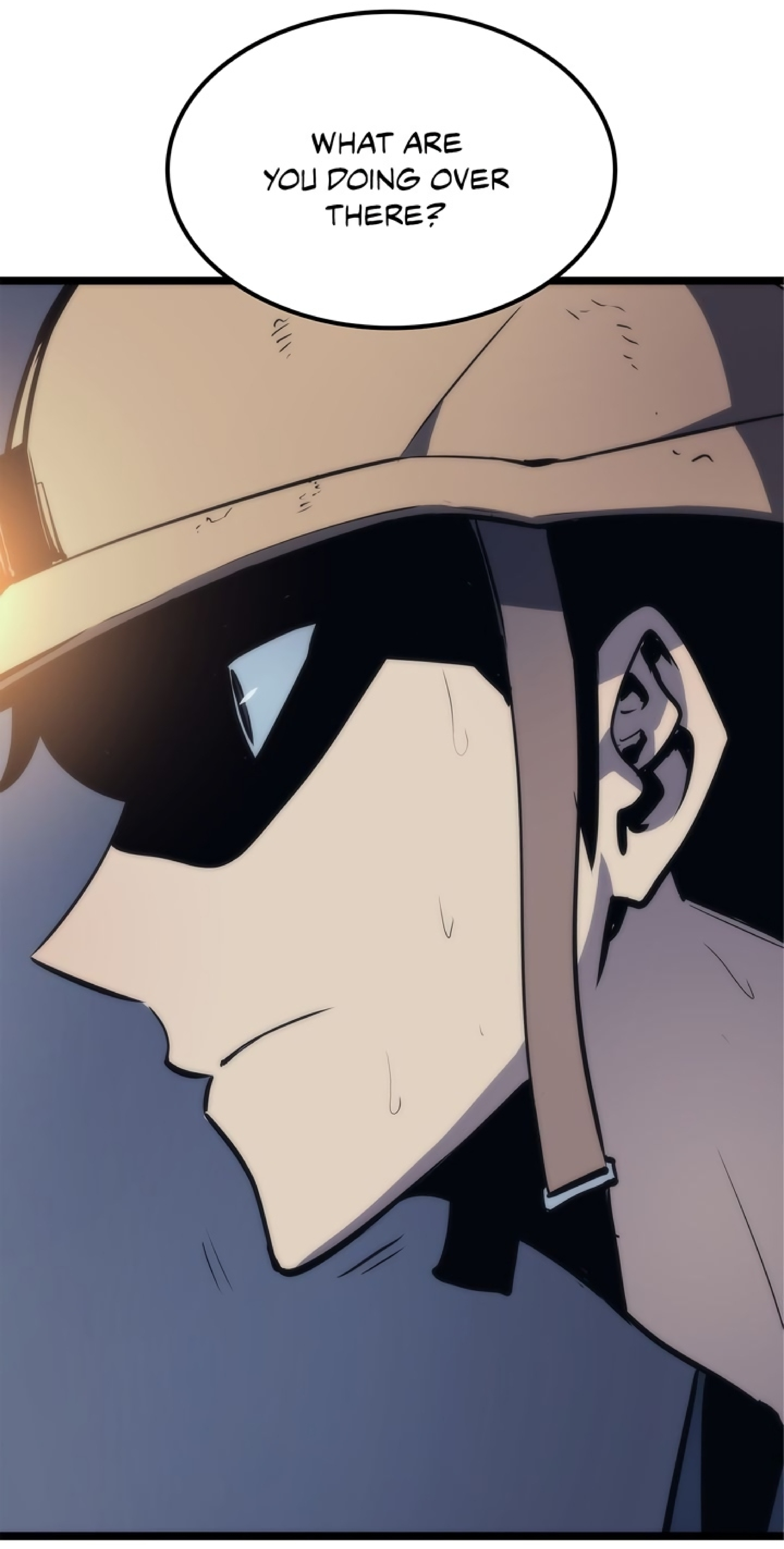
WHAT ARE YOU DOING OVER THERE?

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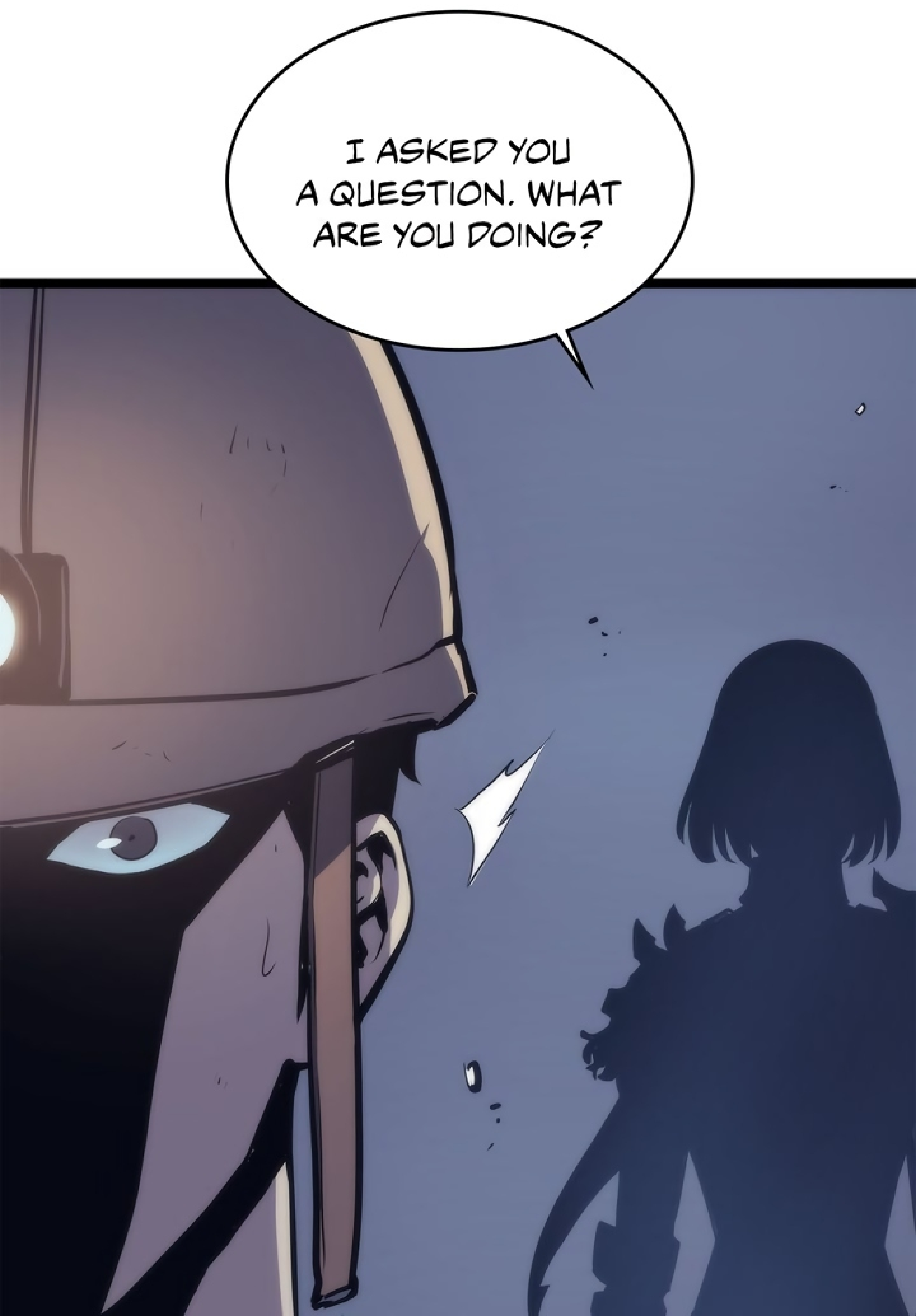
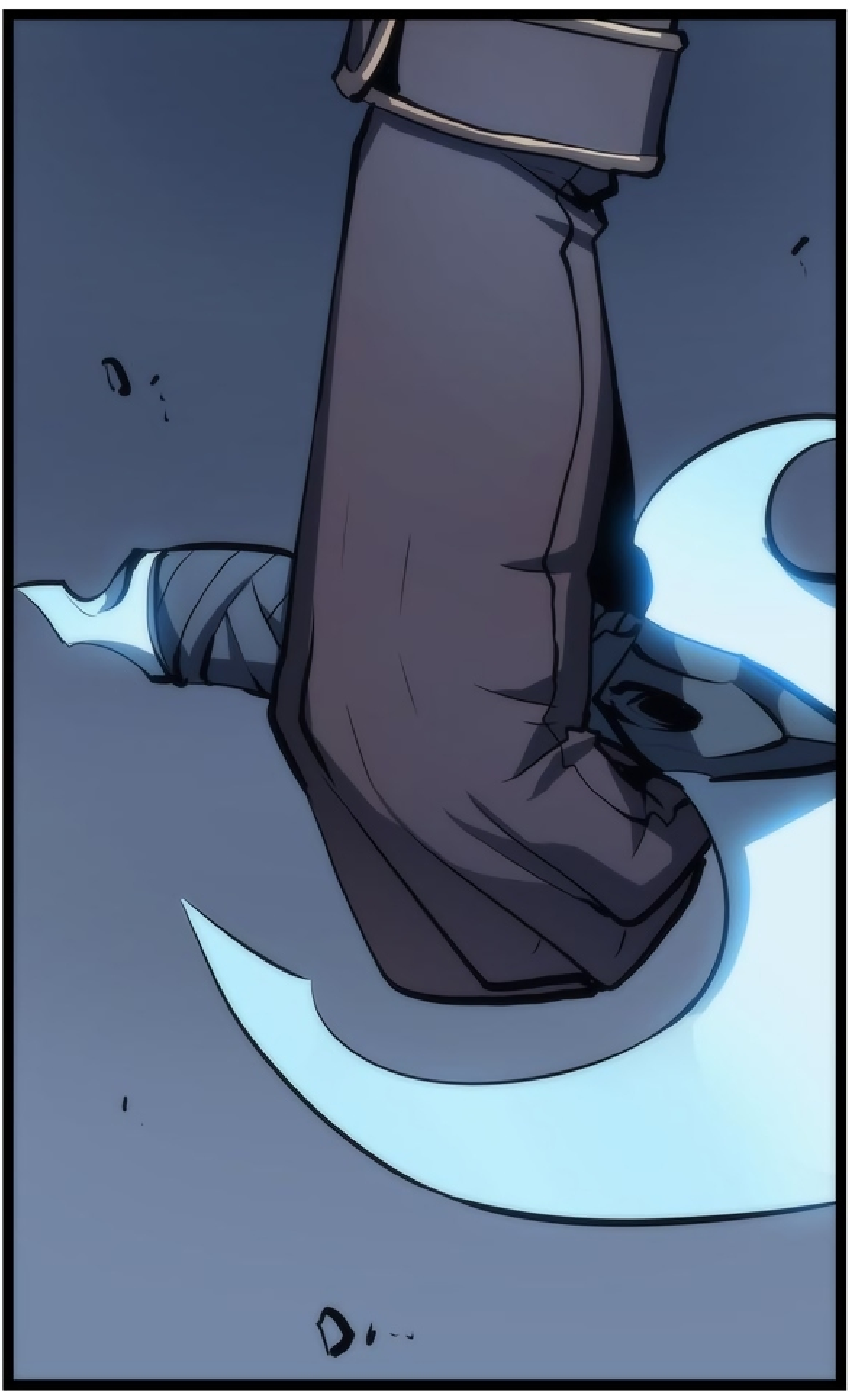
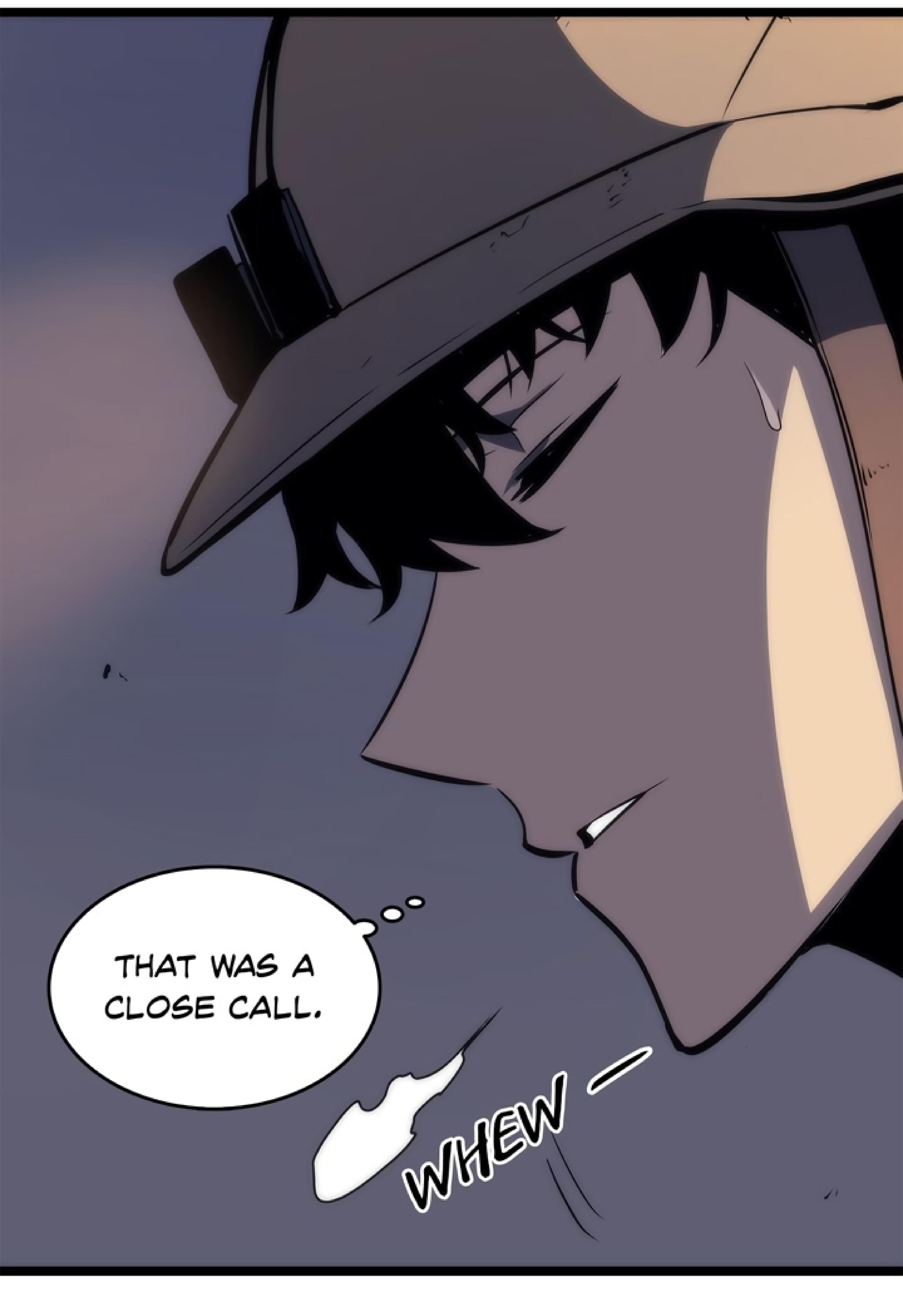
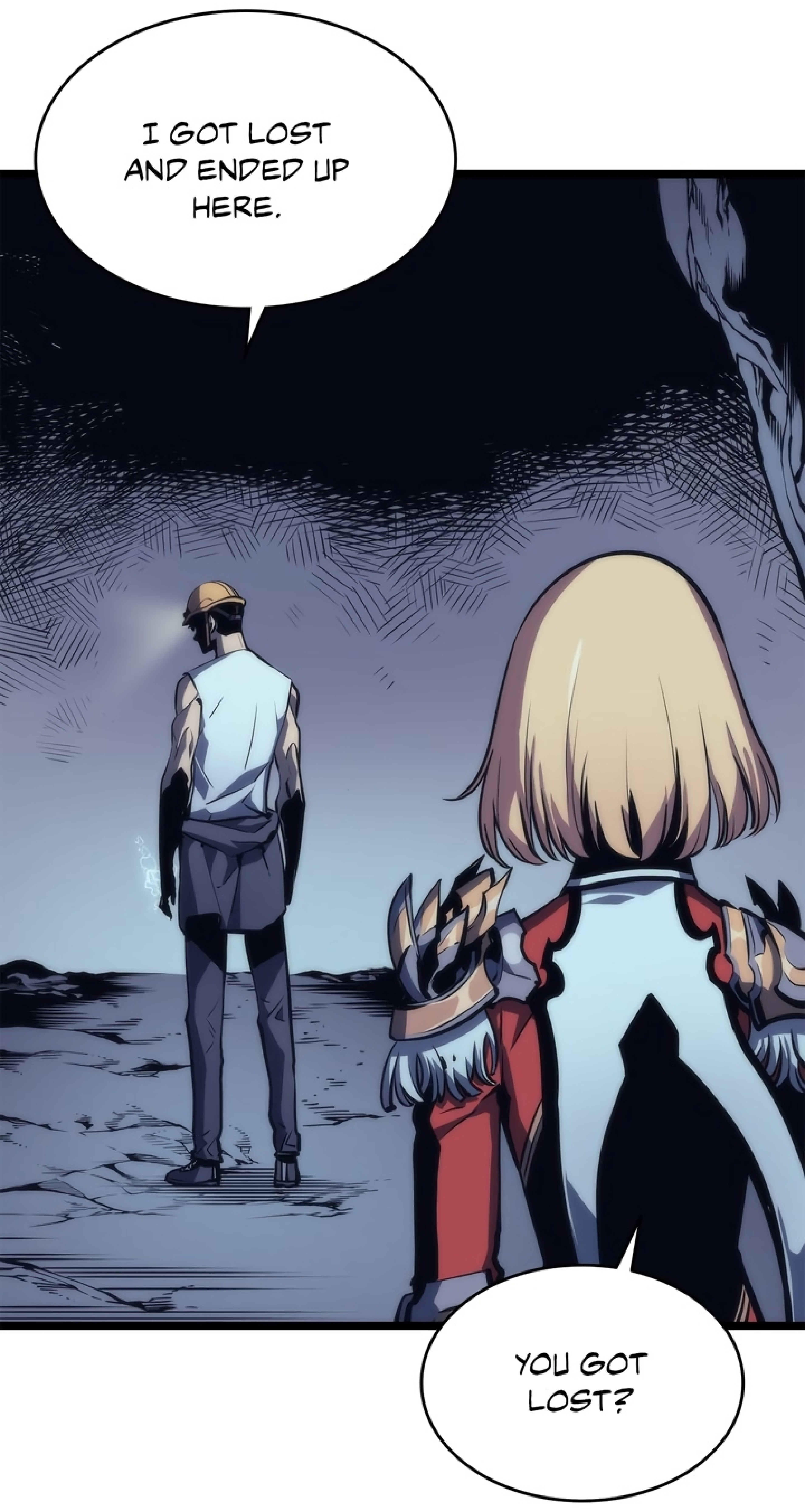

I ASKED YOU A QUESTION. WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

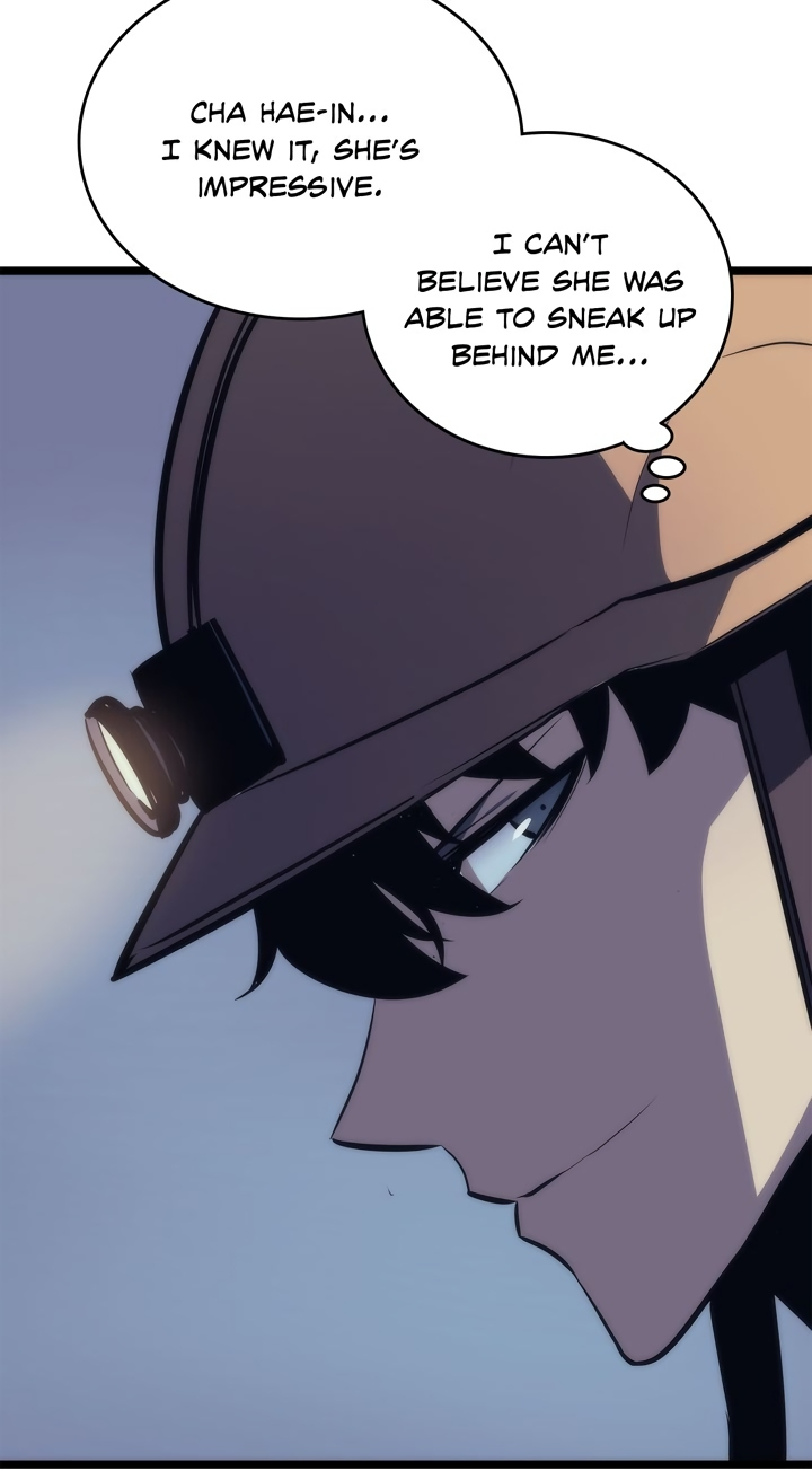


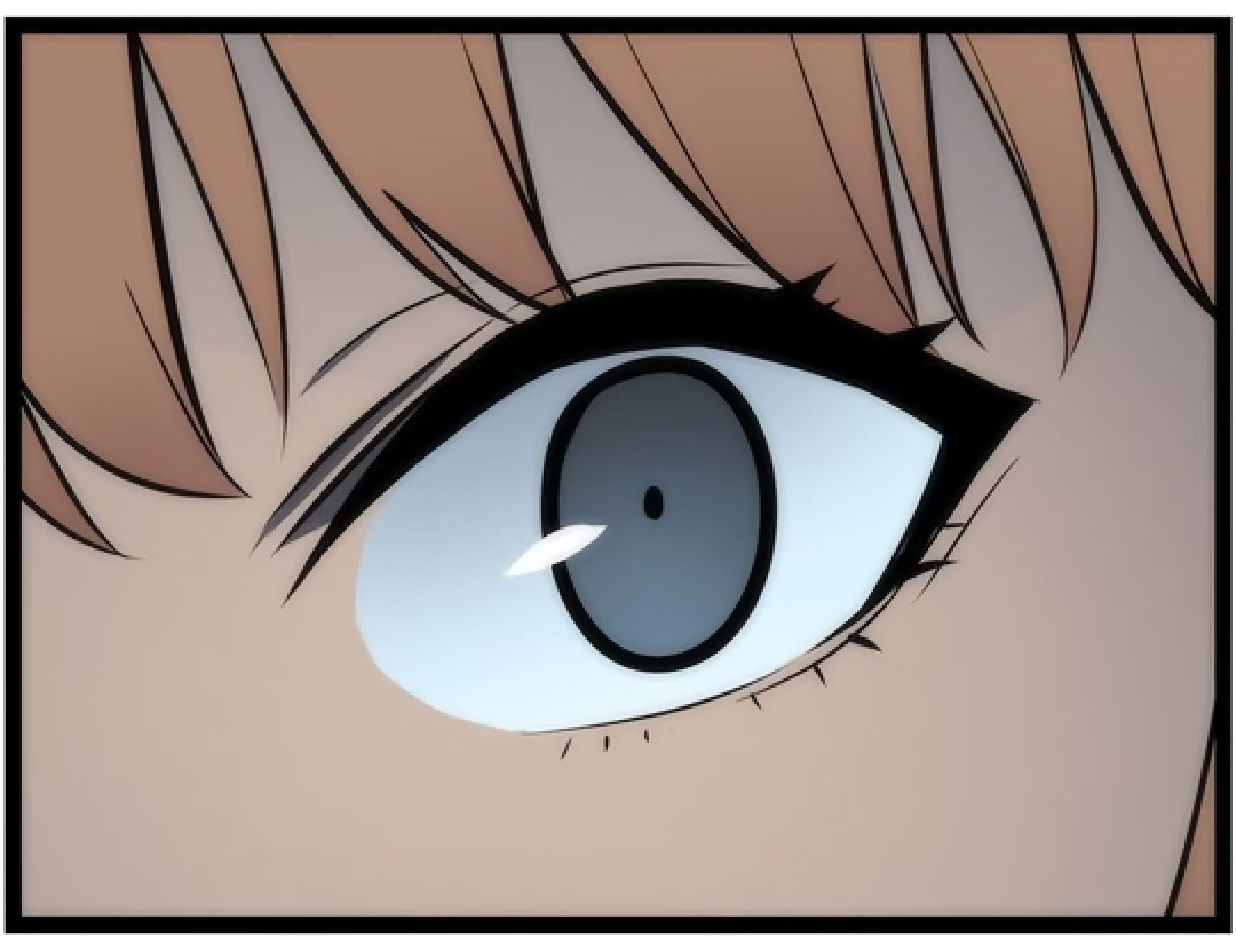
WHAT WAS I THINKING...?

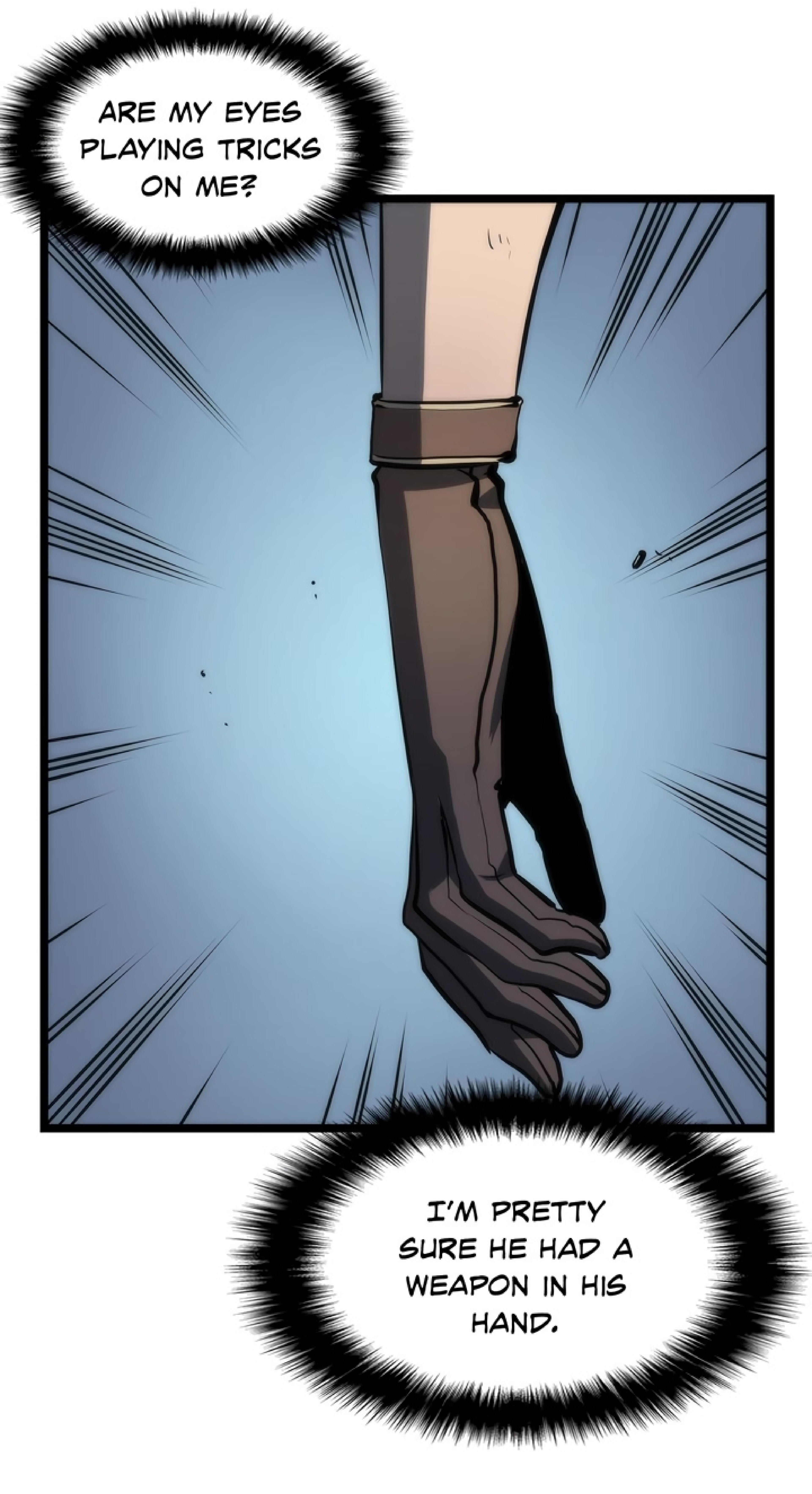

THAT WAS A CLOSE CALL.
WHEW —

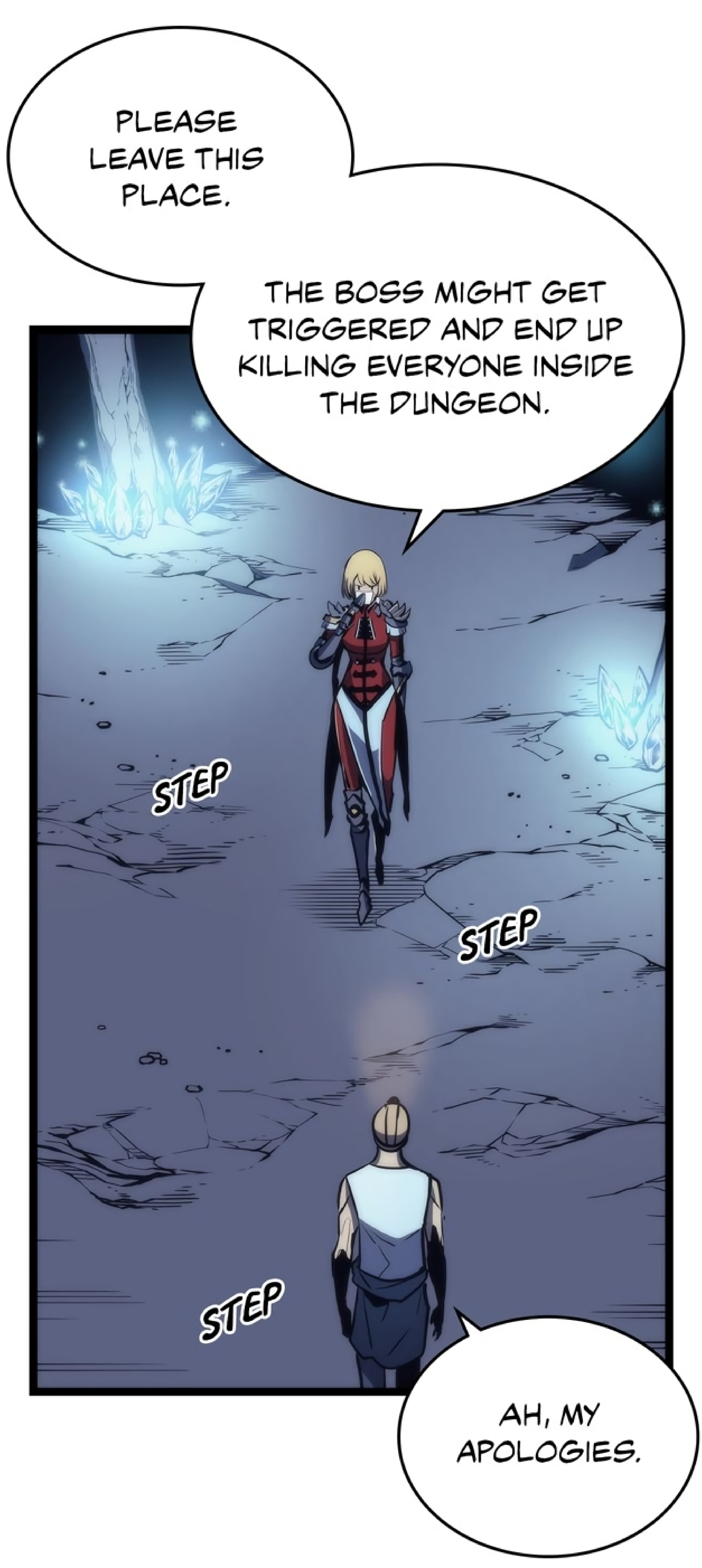

I GOT LOST AND ENDED UP HERE.
YOU GOT LOST?

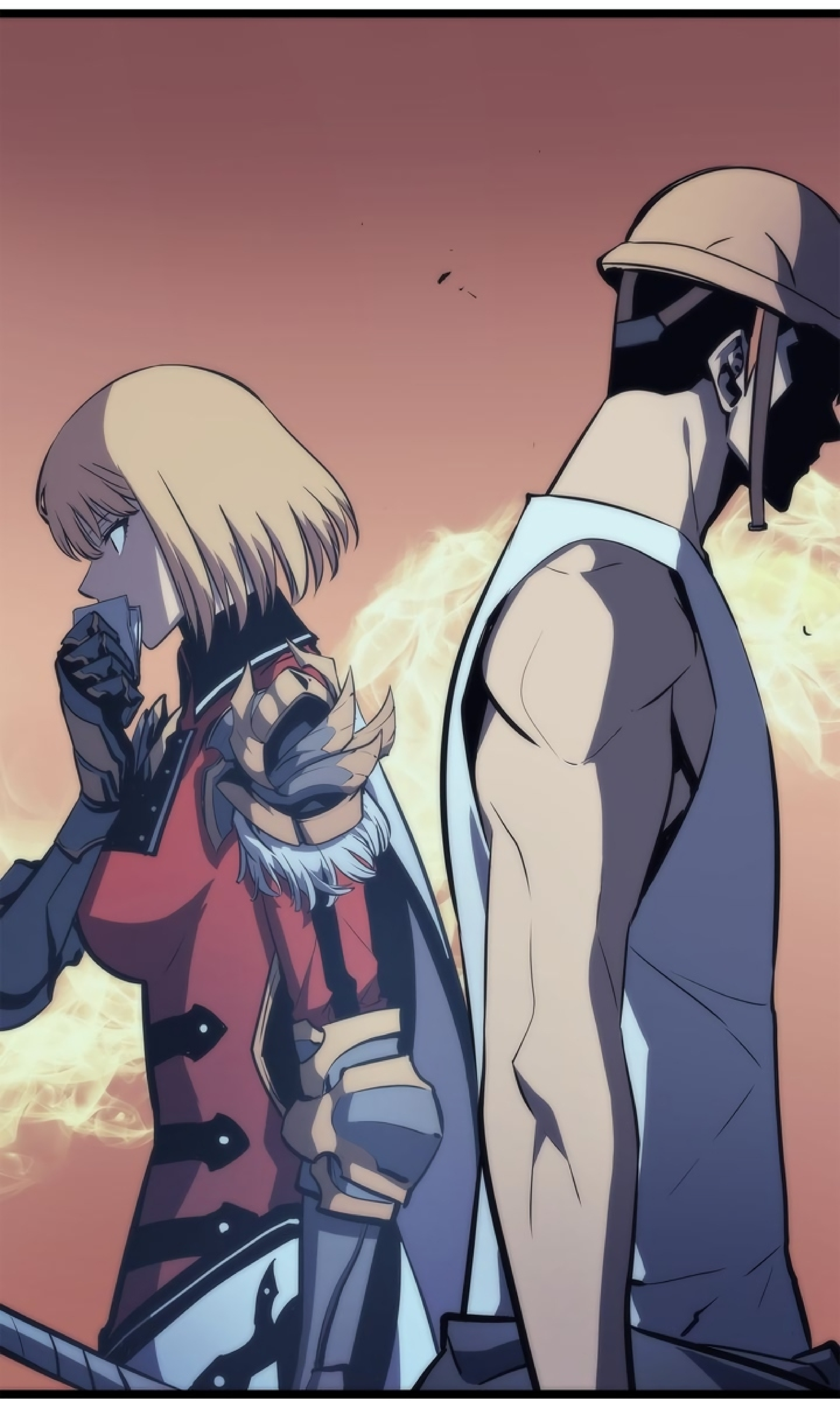
ARE YOU ON THE MINING TEAM?
GET AWAY FROM THERE. THAT'S WHERE THE BOSS LIVES.

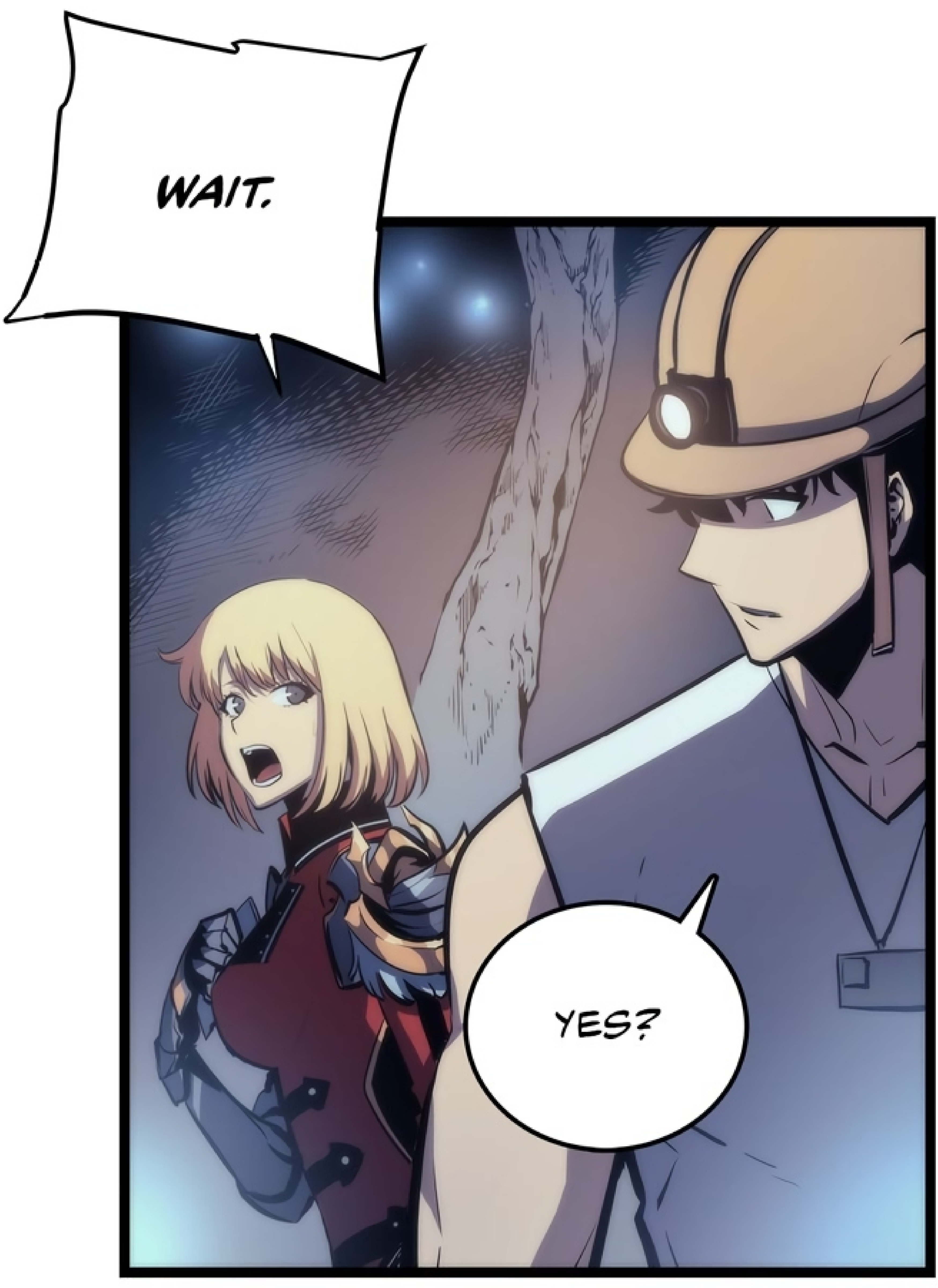

CHA HAE-IN... I KNEW IT, SHE'S IMPRESSIVE.
I CAN'T BELIEVE SHE WAS ABLE TO SNEAK UP BEHIND ME...

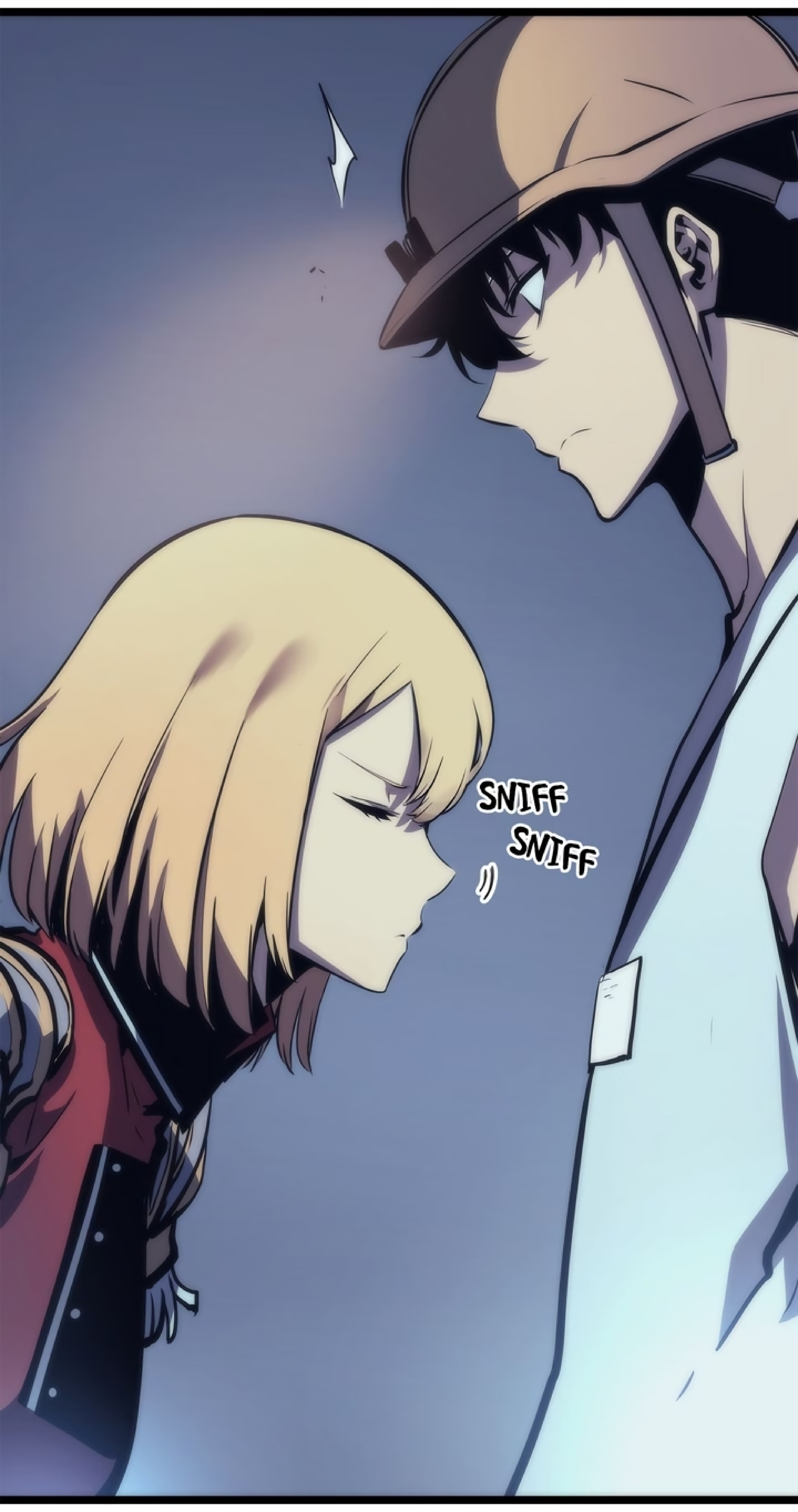



ARE MY EYES PLAYING TRICKS ON ME?
I'M PRETTY SURE HE HAD A WEAPON IN HIS HAND.


PLEASE LEAVE THIS PLACE.
THE BOSS MIGHT GET TRIGGERED AND END UP KILLING EVERYONE INSIDE THE DUNGEON.
STEP
STEP
STEP
AH, MY APOLOGIES.




WAIT.
YES?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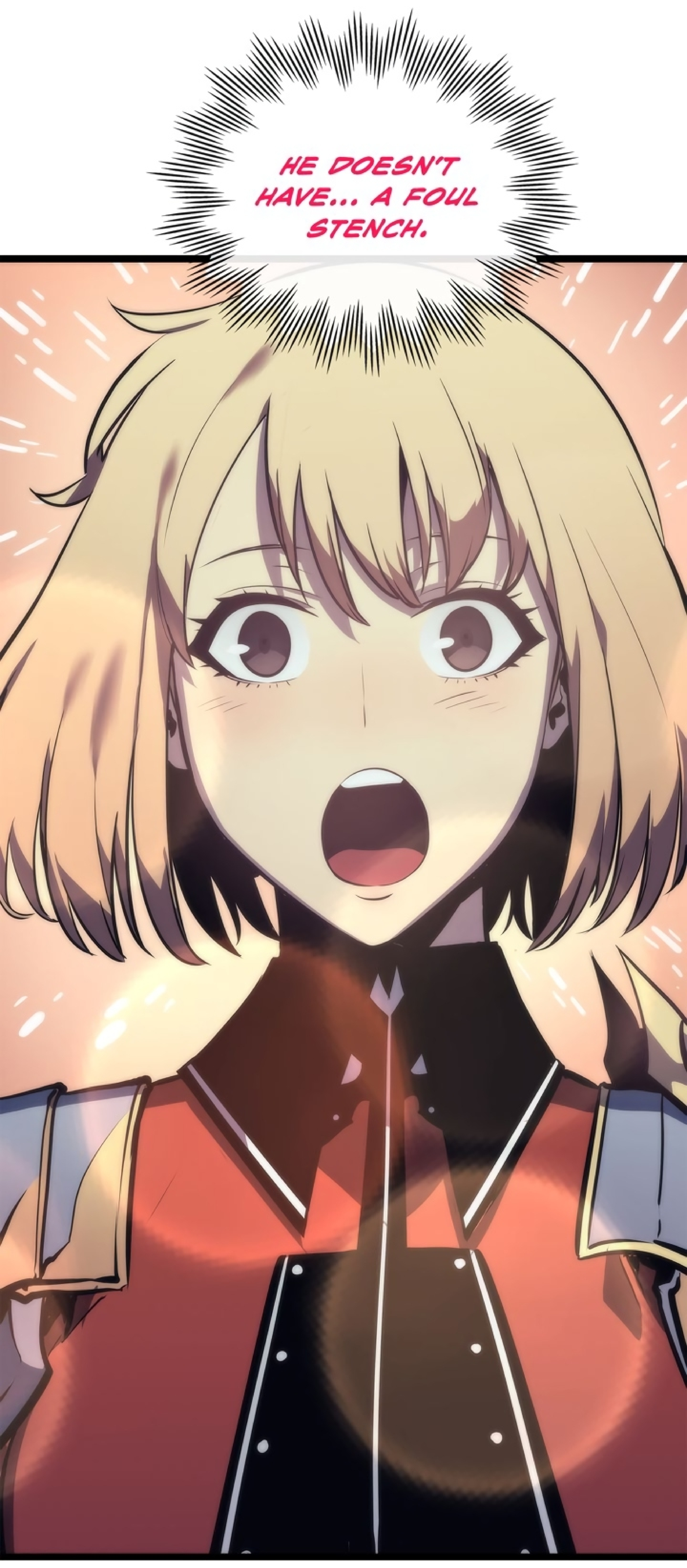
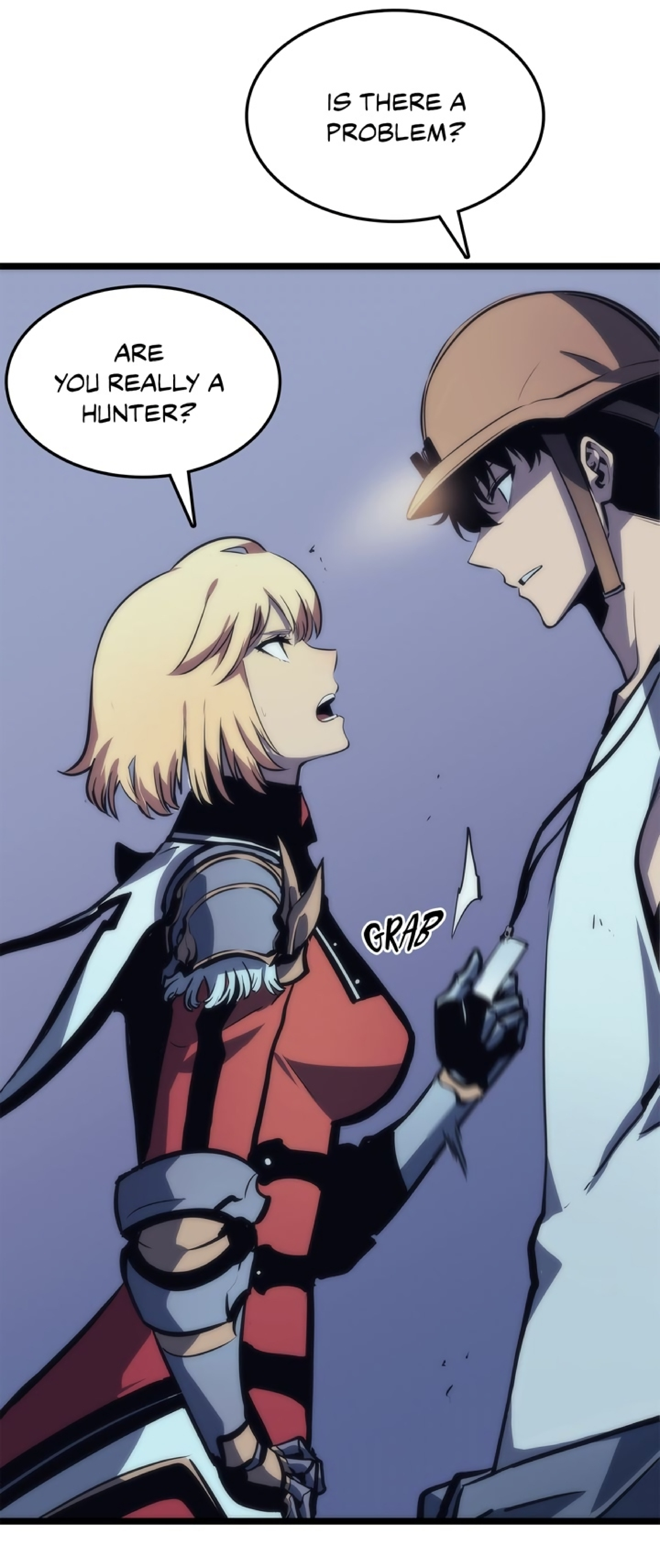
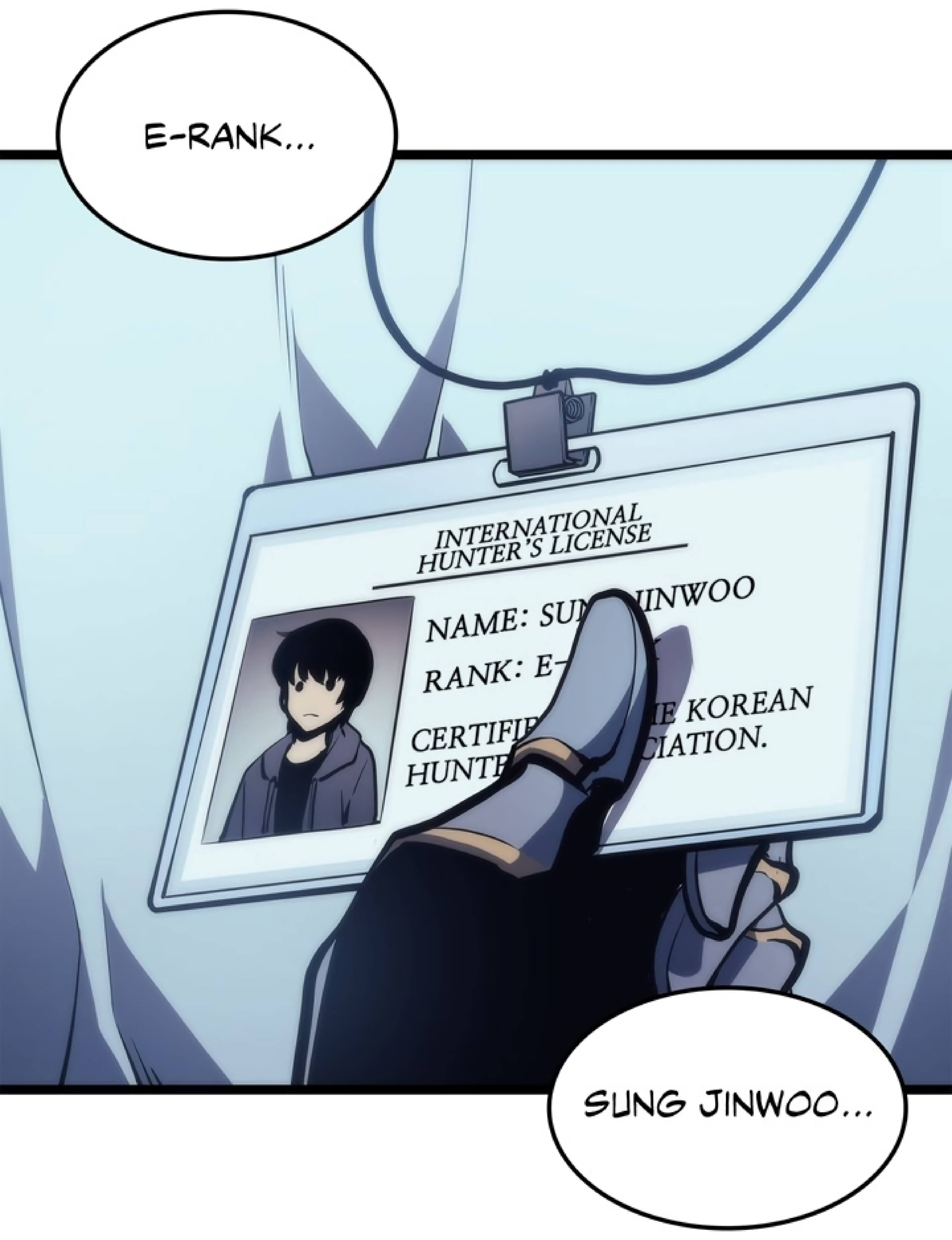
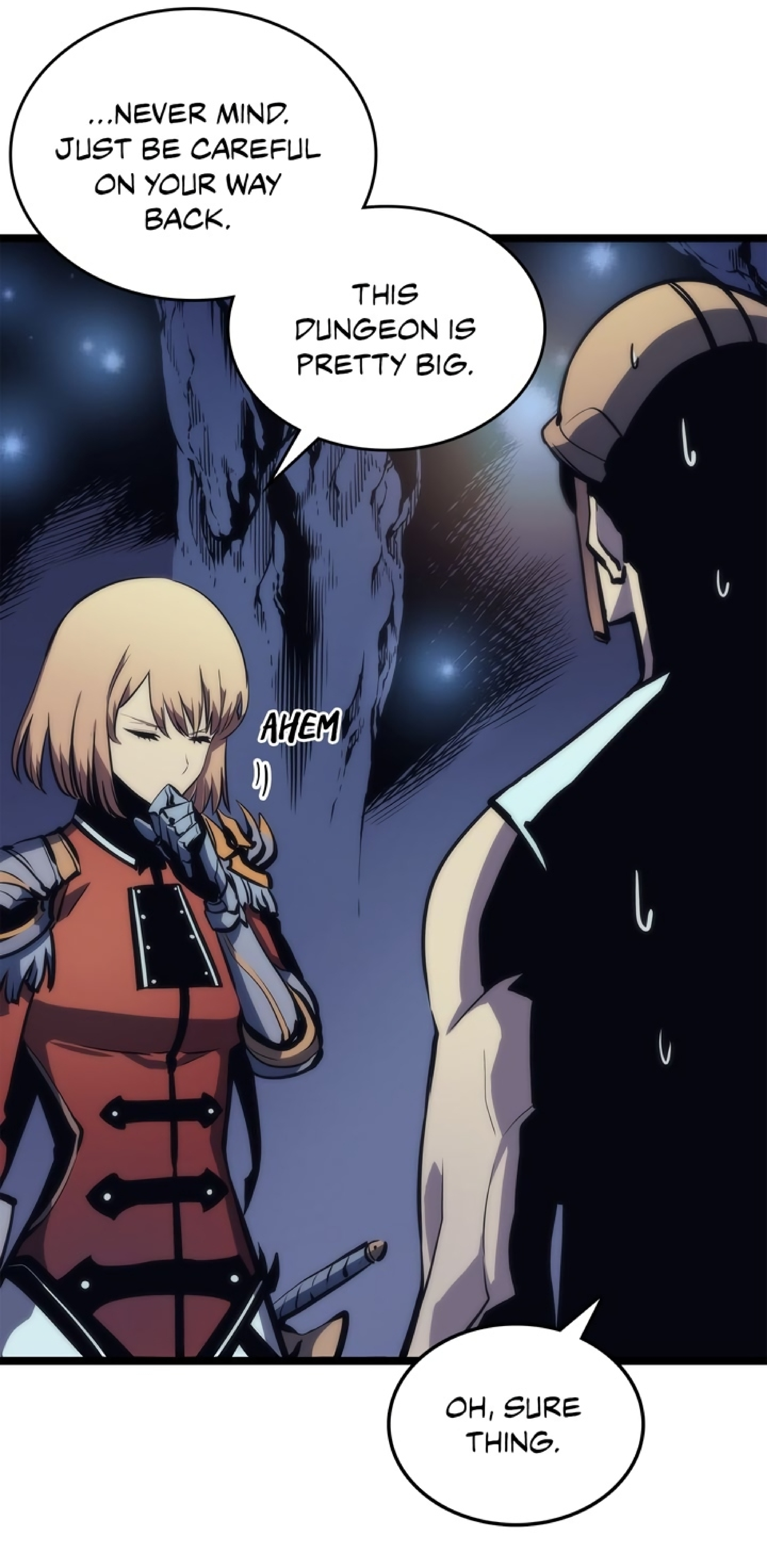
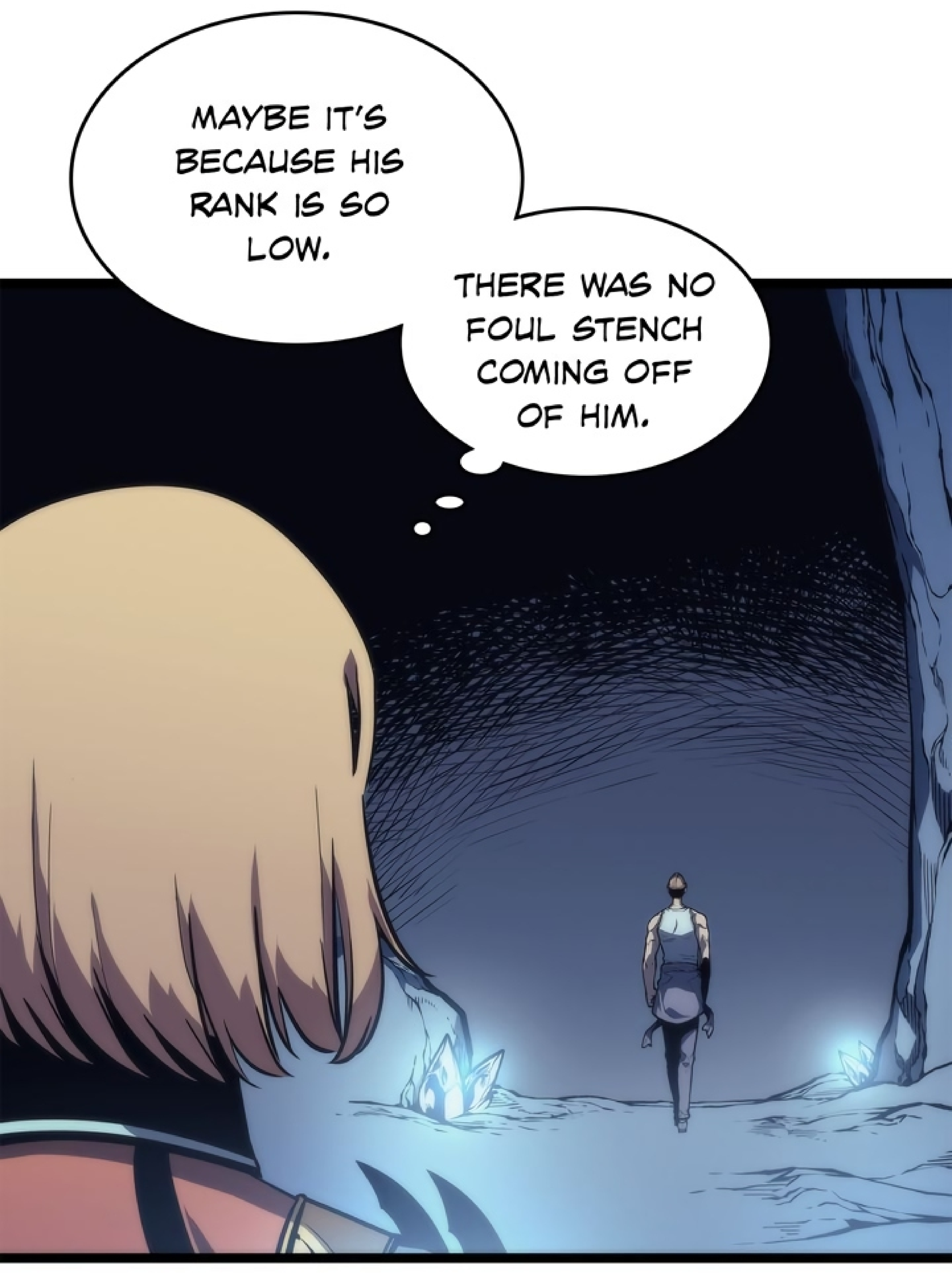
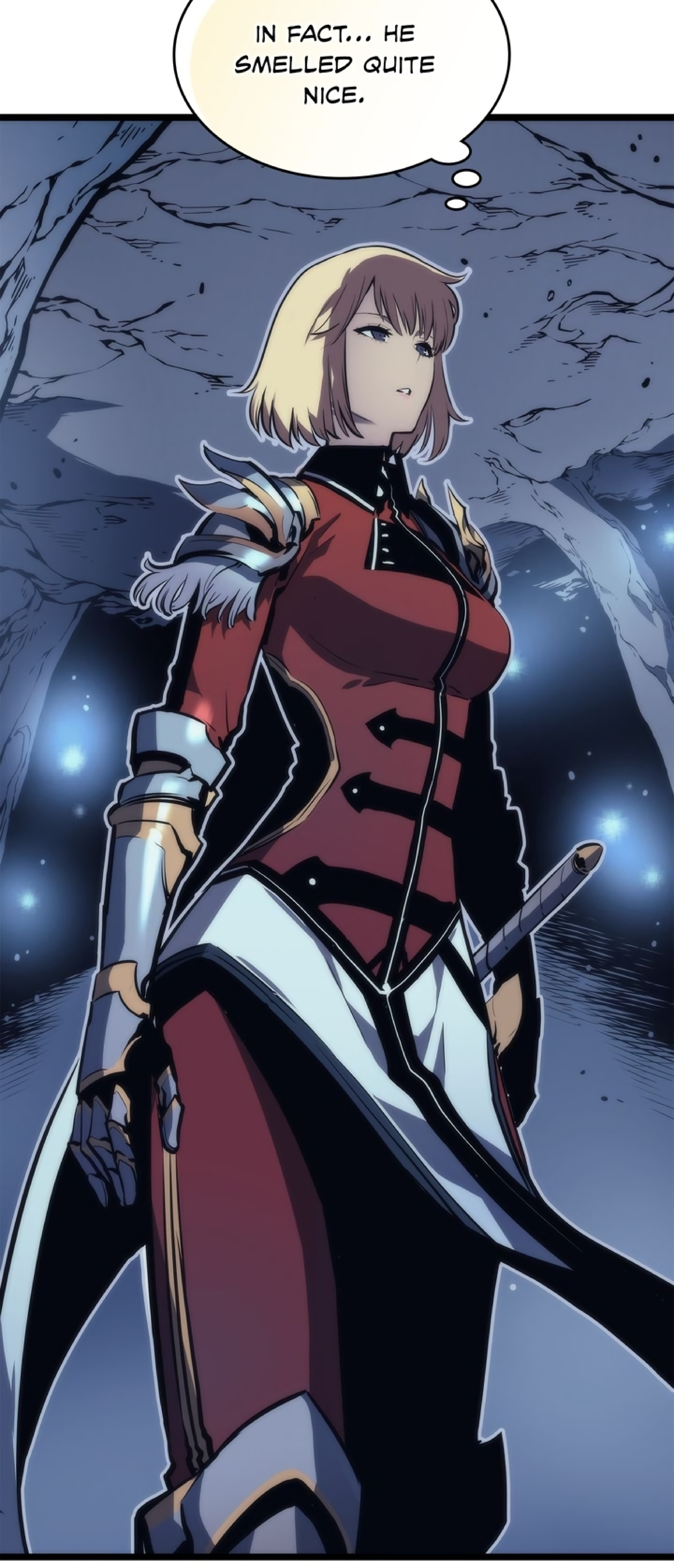

HE DOESN'T HAVE... A FOUL STENCH.

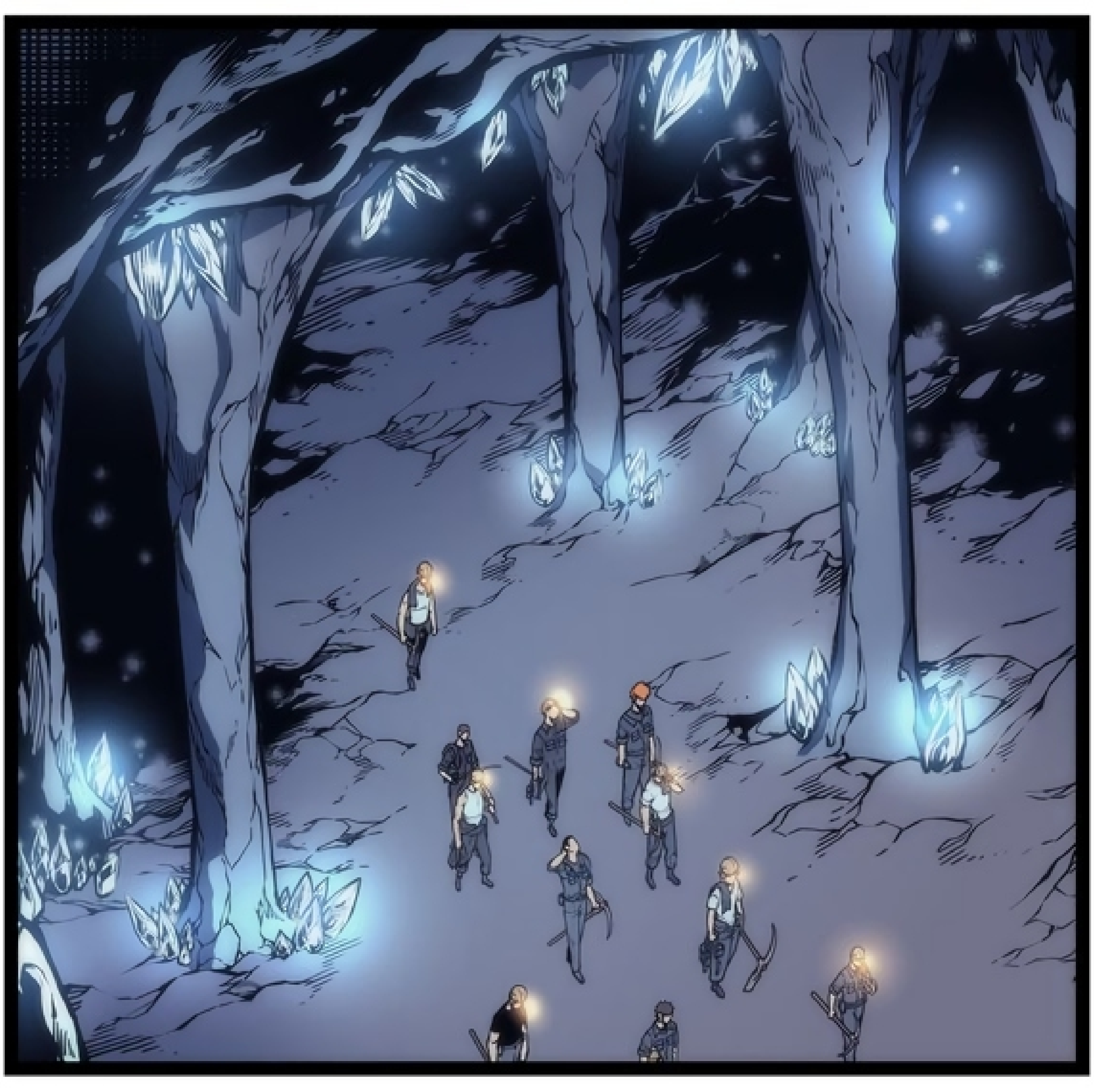

IS THERE A PROBLEM?
ARE YOU REALLY A HUNTER?
GRAB

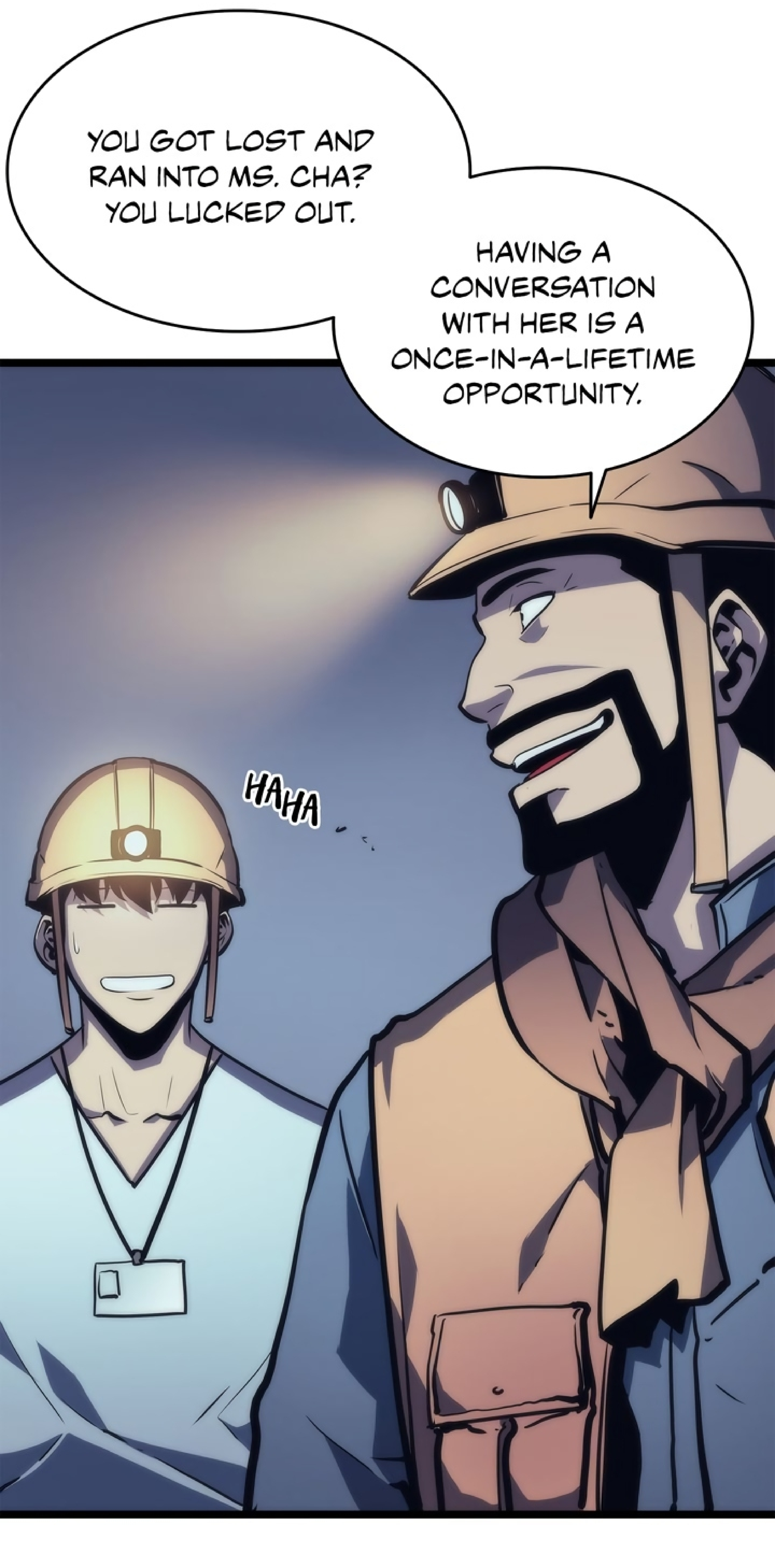

E-RANK...
INTERNATIONAL HUNTER'S LICENSE
NAME: SUN JINWOO
RANK: E-
CERTIFI E KOREAN
HUNTE CIATION.
SUNG JINWOO...

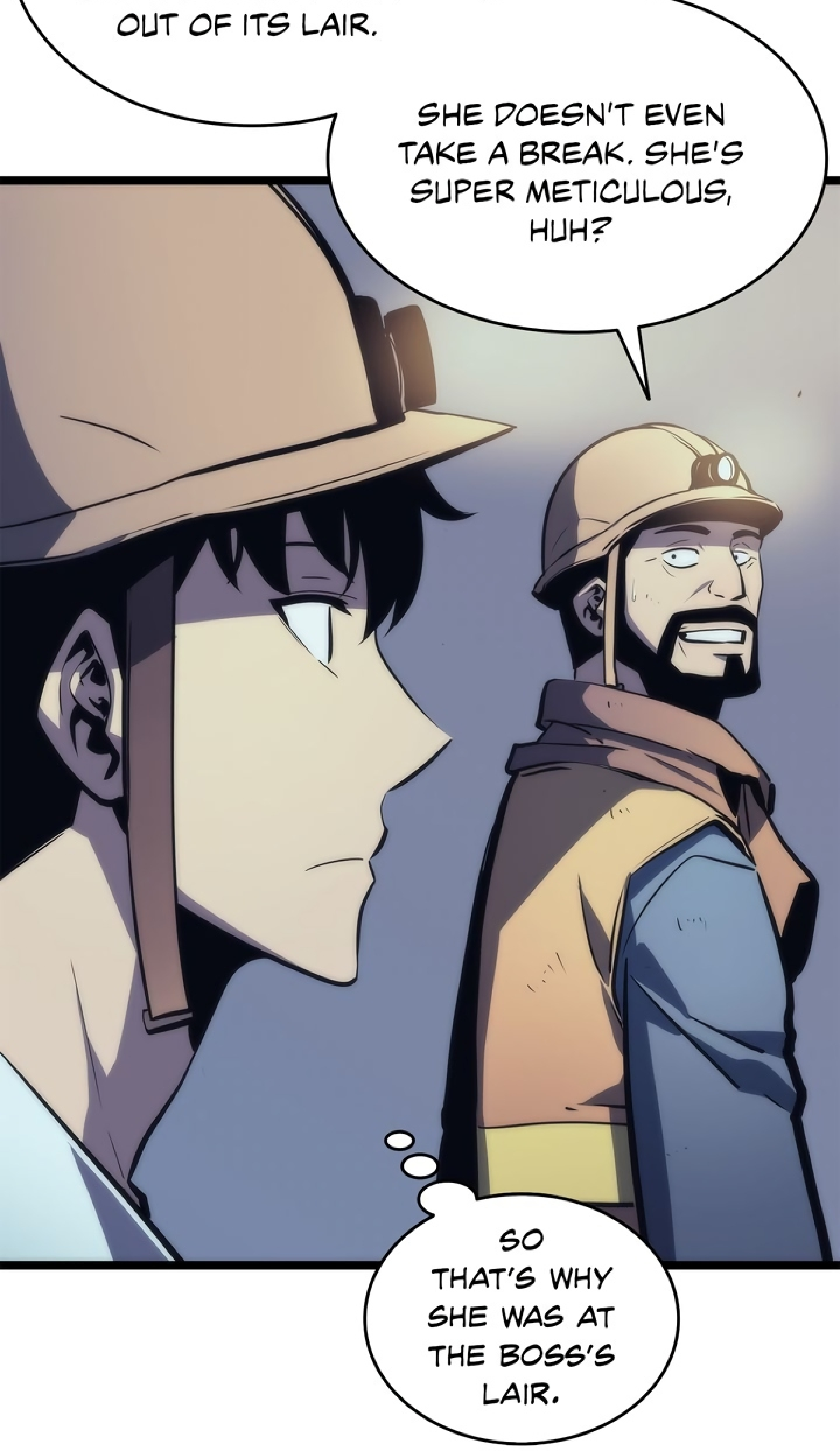

...NEVER MIND. JUST BE CAREFUL ON YOUR WAY BACK.
THIS DUNGEON IS PRETTY BIG.
AHEM
OH, SURE THING.

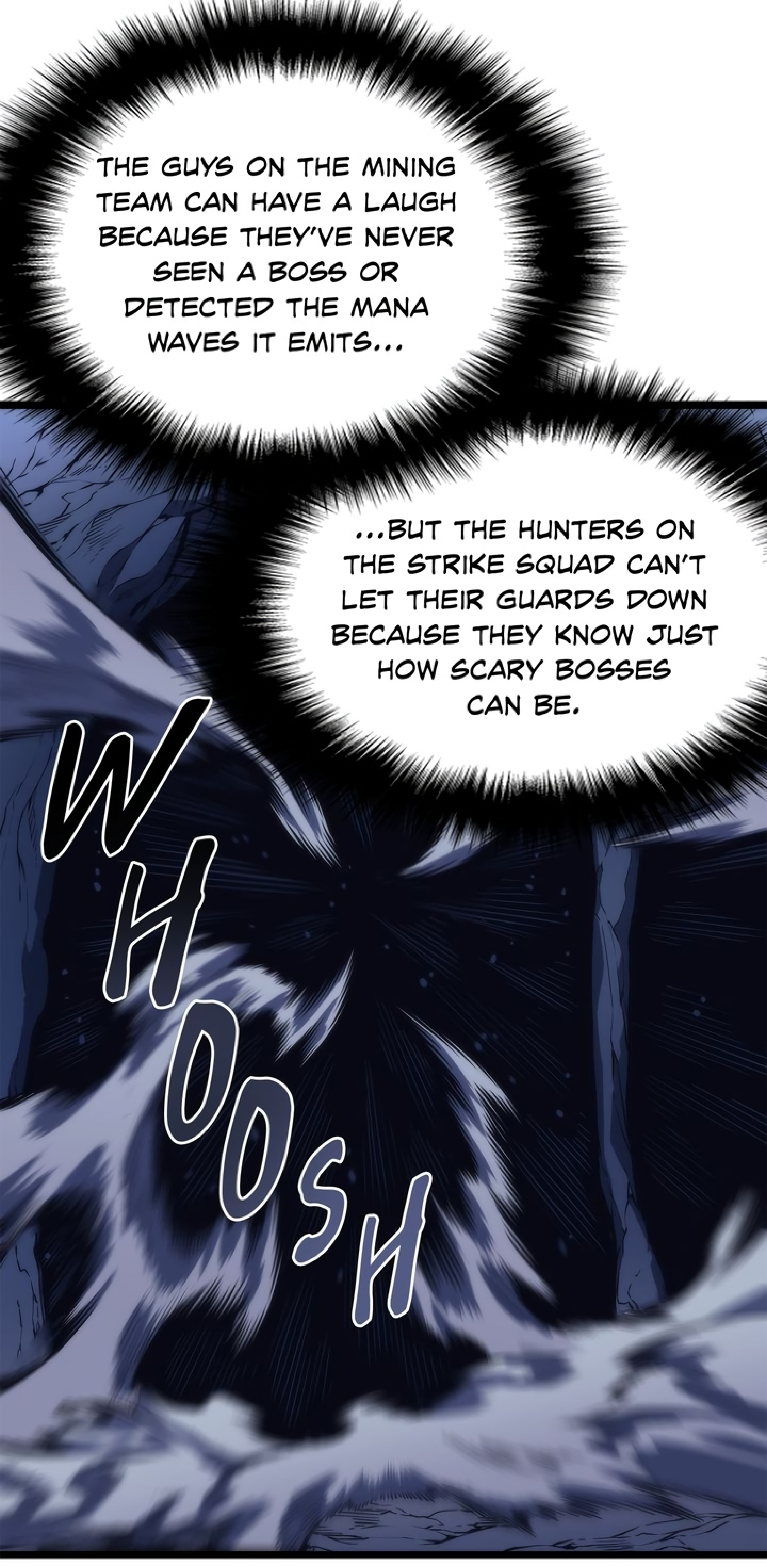

MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE HIS RANK IS SO LOW.
THERE WAS NO FOUL STENCH COMING OFF OF HIM.

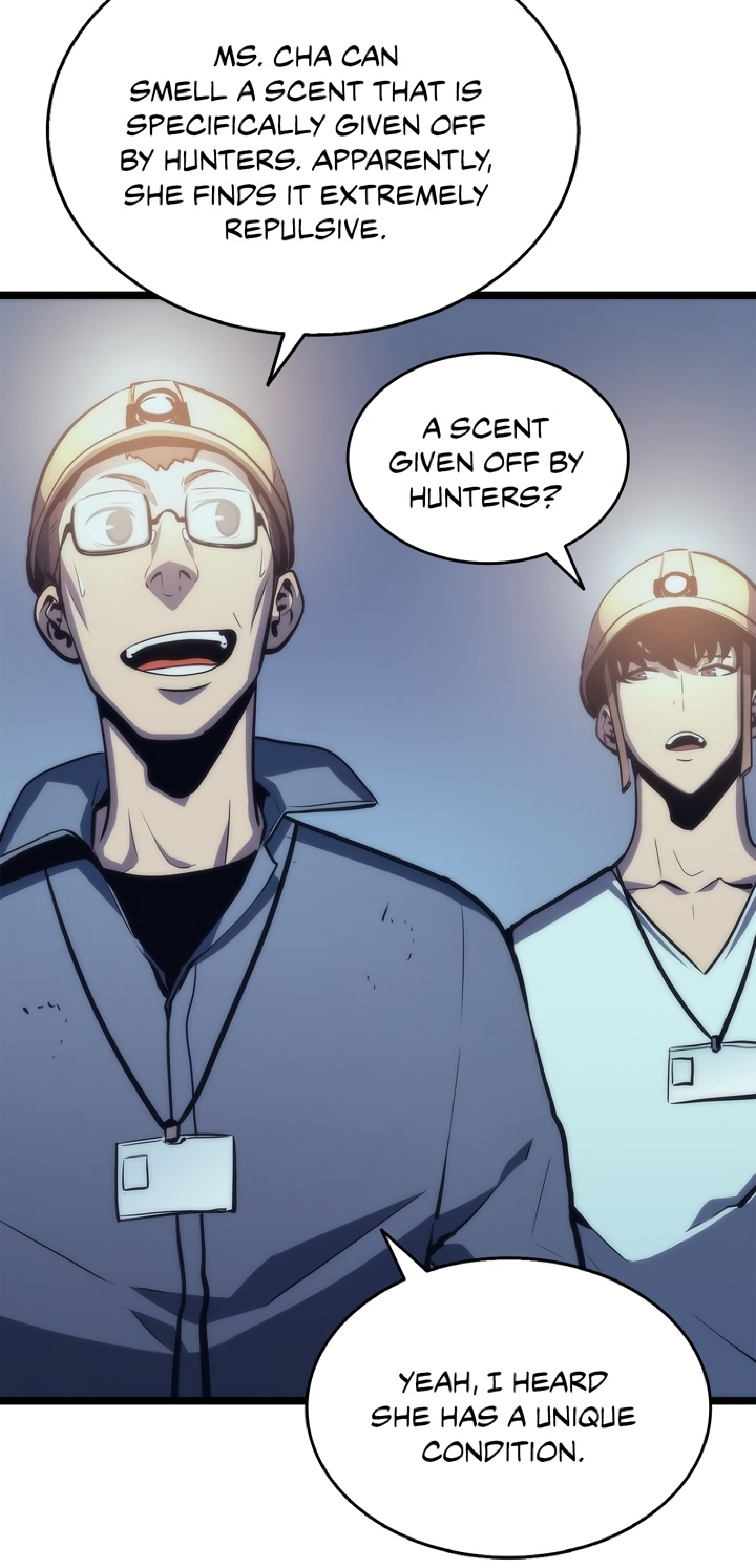

IN FACT... HE SMELLED QUITE NICE.

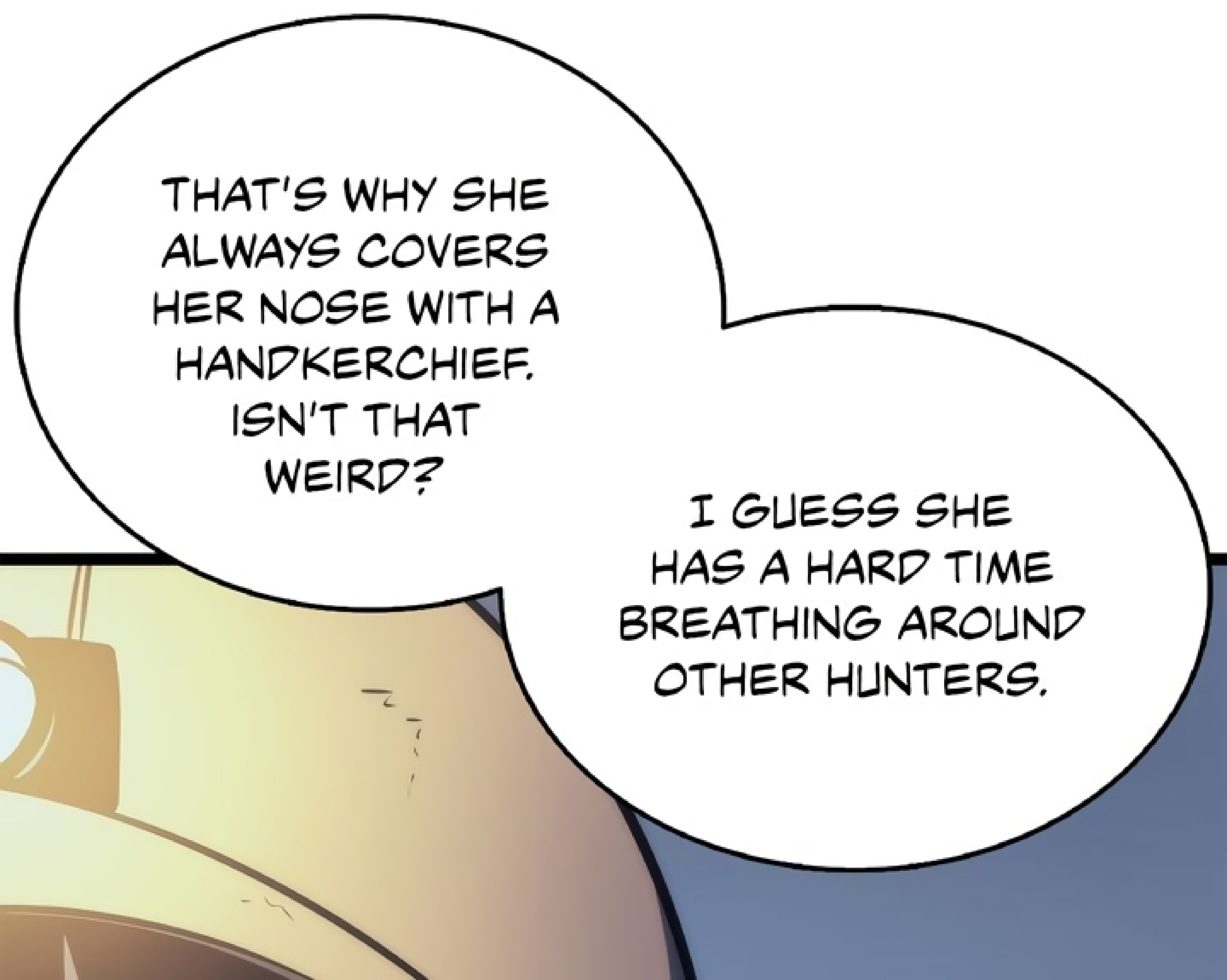


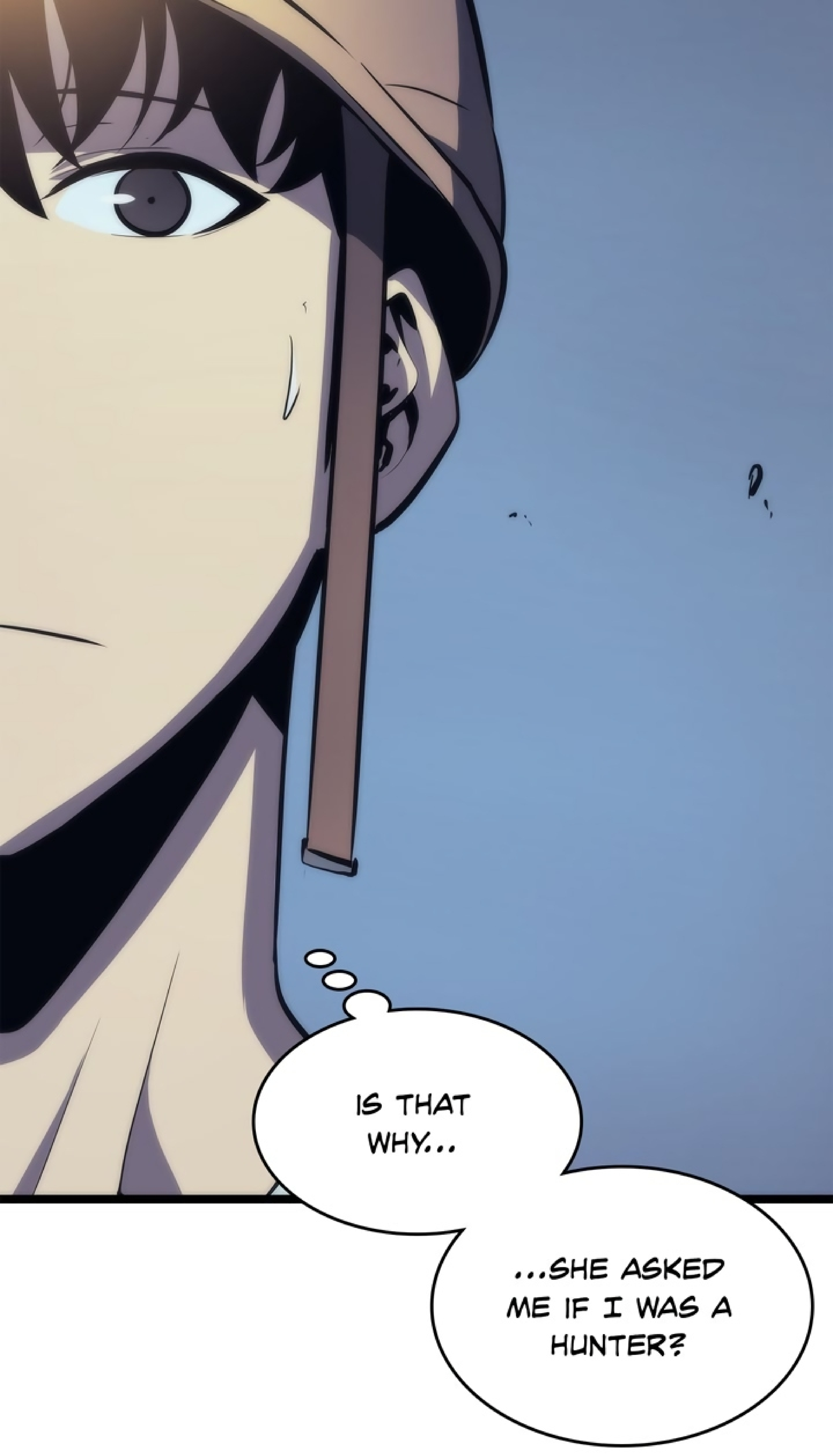

YOU GOT LOST AND RAN INTO MS. CHA? YOU LUCKED OUT.
HAVING A CONVERSATION WITH HER IS A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY.
HAHA

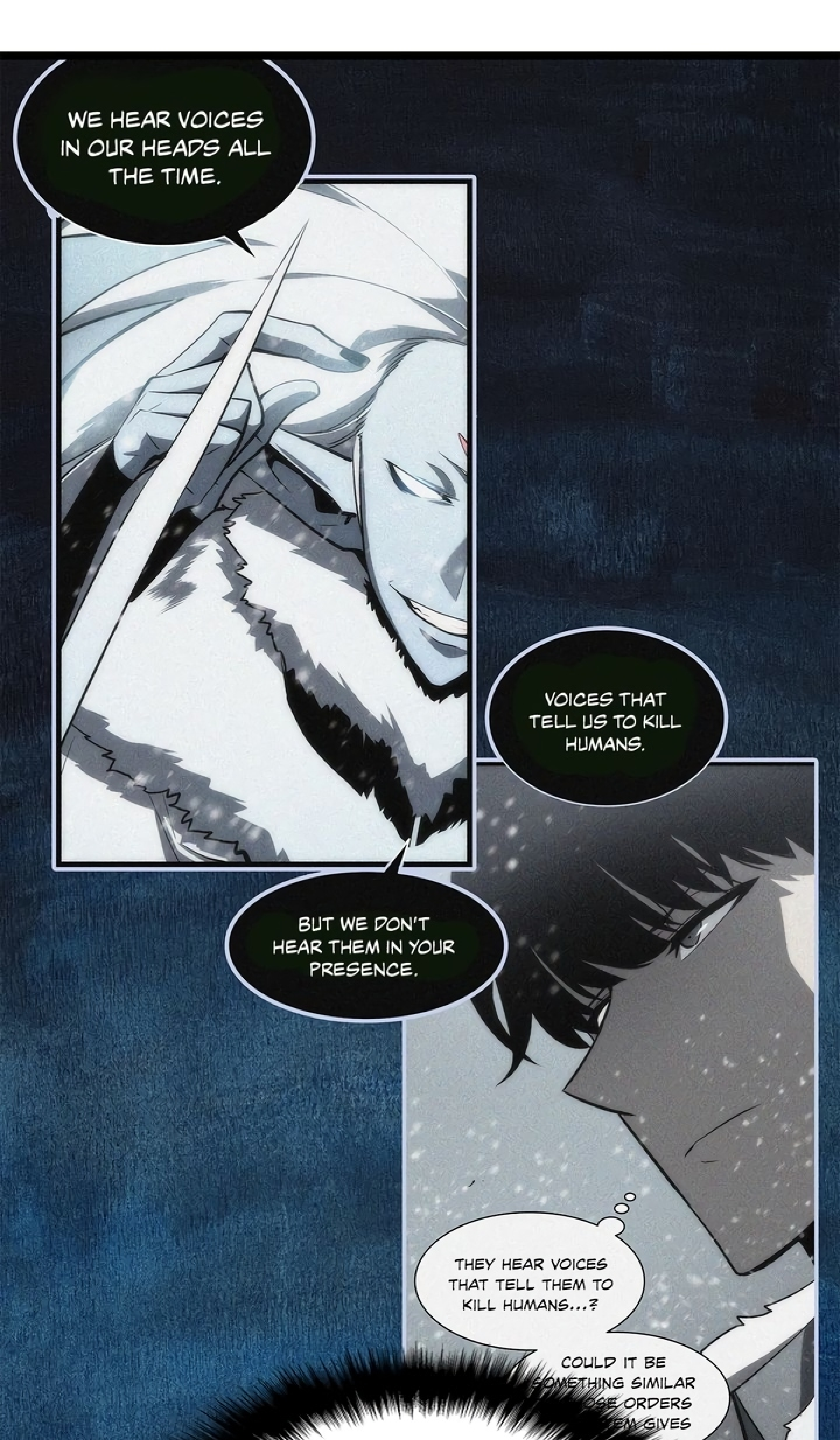

MS. CHA ALWAYS STAYS ON PATROL TO MAKE SURE THE BOSS DOESN'T LEAP OUT OF ITS LAIR.
SHE DOESN'T EVEN TAKE A BREAK. SHE'S SUPER METICULOUS, HUH?
SO THAT'S WHY SHE WAS AT THE BOSS'S LAIR.

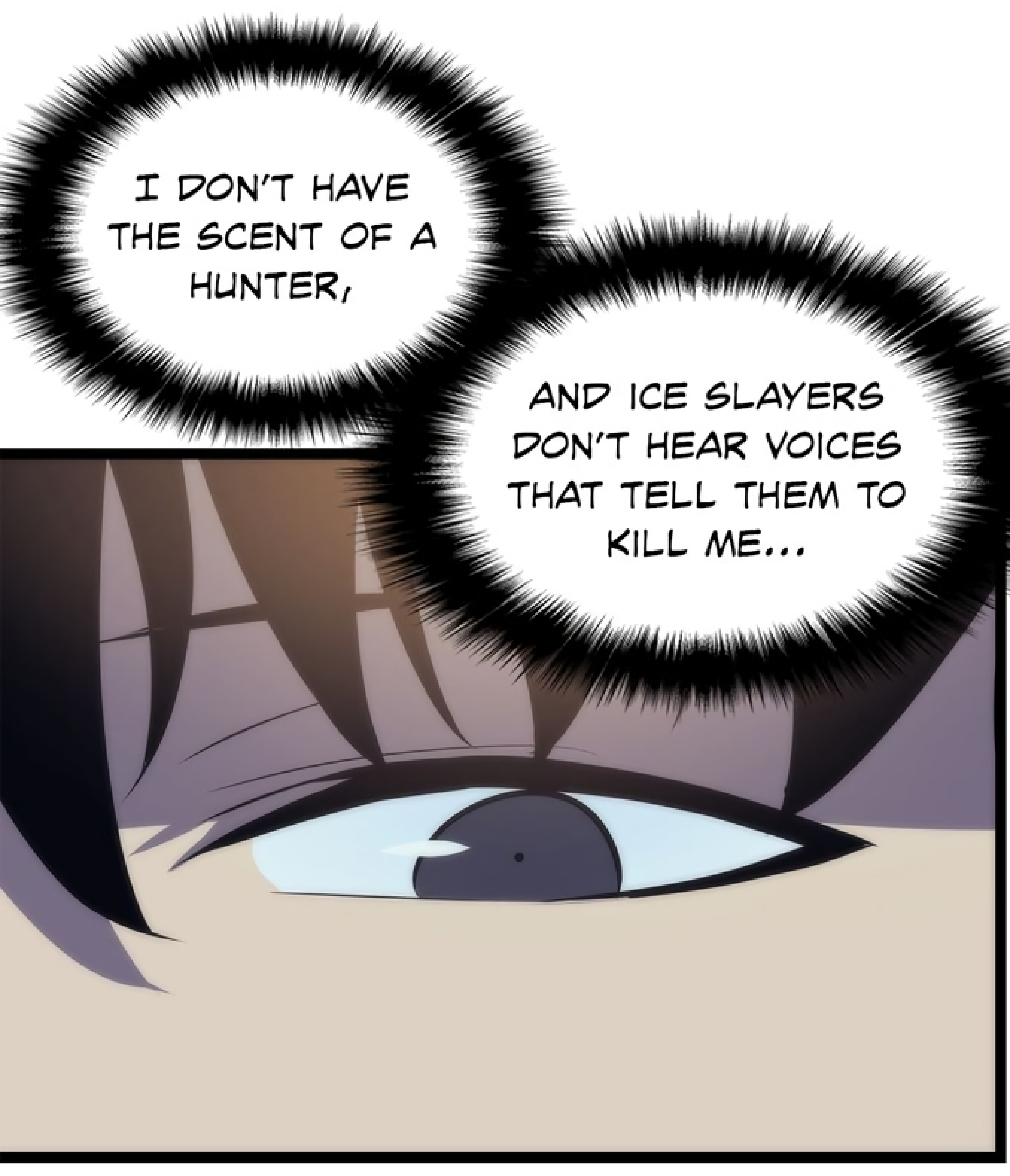

THE GUYS ON THE MINING TEAM CAN HAVE A LAUGH BECAUSE THEY'VE NEVER SEEN A BOSS OR DETECTED THE MANA WAVES IT EMITS...
...BUT THE HUNTERS ON THE STRIKE SQUAD CAN'T LET THEIR GUARDS DOWN BECAUSE THEY KNOW JUST HOW SCARY BOSSES CAN BE.
WHOOSH


MS. CHA CAN SMELL A SCENT THAT IS SPECIFICALLY GIVEN OFF BY HUNTERS. APPARENTLY, SHE FINDS IT EXTREMELY REPULSIVE.
A SCENT GIVEN OFF BY HUNTERS?
YEAH, I HEARD SHE HAS A UNIQUE CONDITION.


THAT'S WHY SHE ALWAYS COVERS HER NOSE WITH A HANDKERCHIEF. ISN'T THAT WEIRD?
I GUESS SHE HAS A HARD TIME BREATHING AROUND OTHER HUNTERS.


IS THAT WHY...
...SHE ASKED ME IF I WAS A HUNTER?

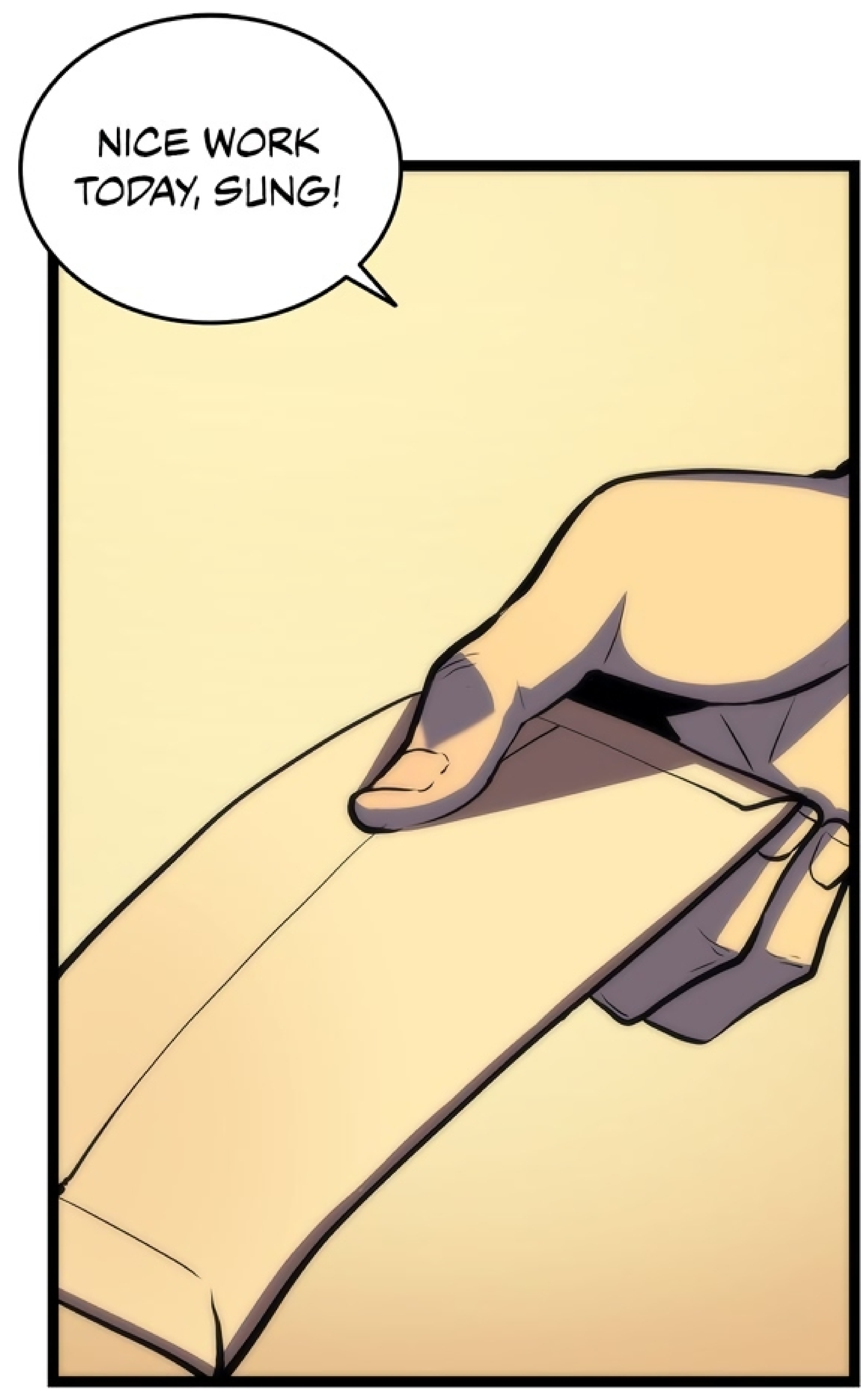

WE HEAR VOICES IN OUR HEADS ALL THE TIME.
VOICES THAT TELL US TO KILL HUMANS.
BUT WE DON'T HEAR THEM IN YOUR PRESENCE.
THEY HEAR VOICES THAT TELL THEM TO KILL HUMANS...?
COULD IT BE SOMETHING SIMILAR OSE ORDERS EM GIVES
I WONDER IF IT HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH WHAT BARUKA TOLD ME.

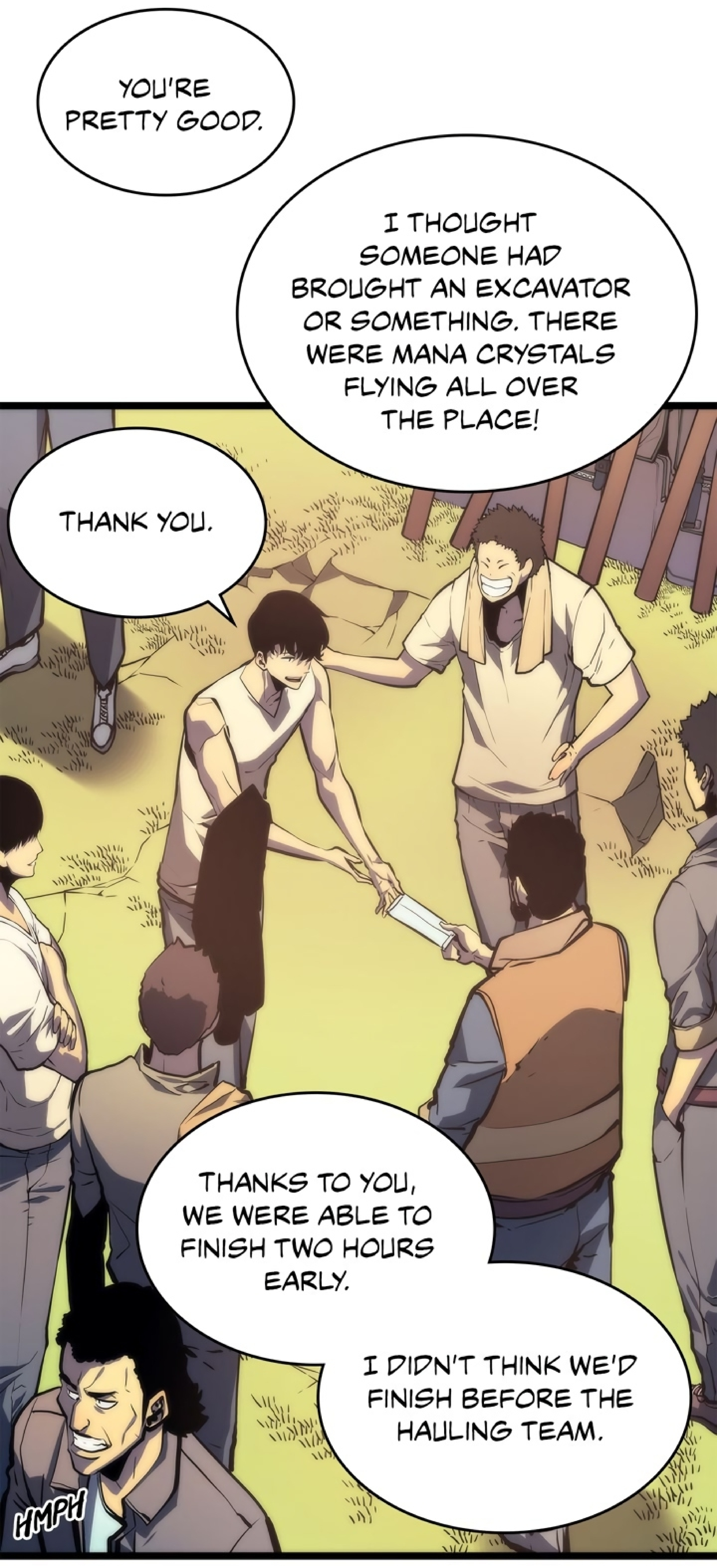

I DON'T HAVE THE SCENT OF A HUNTER,
AND ICE SLAYERS DON'T HEAR VOICES THAT TELL THEM TO KILL ME...

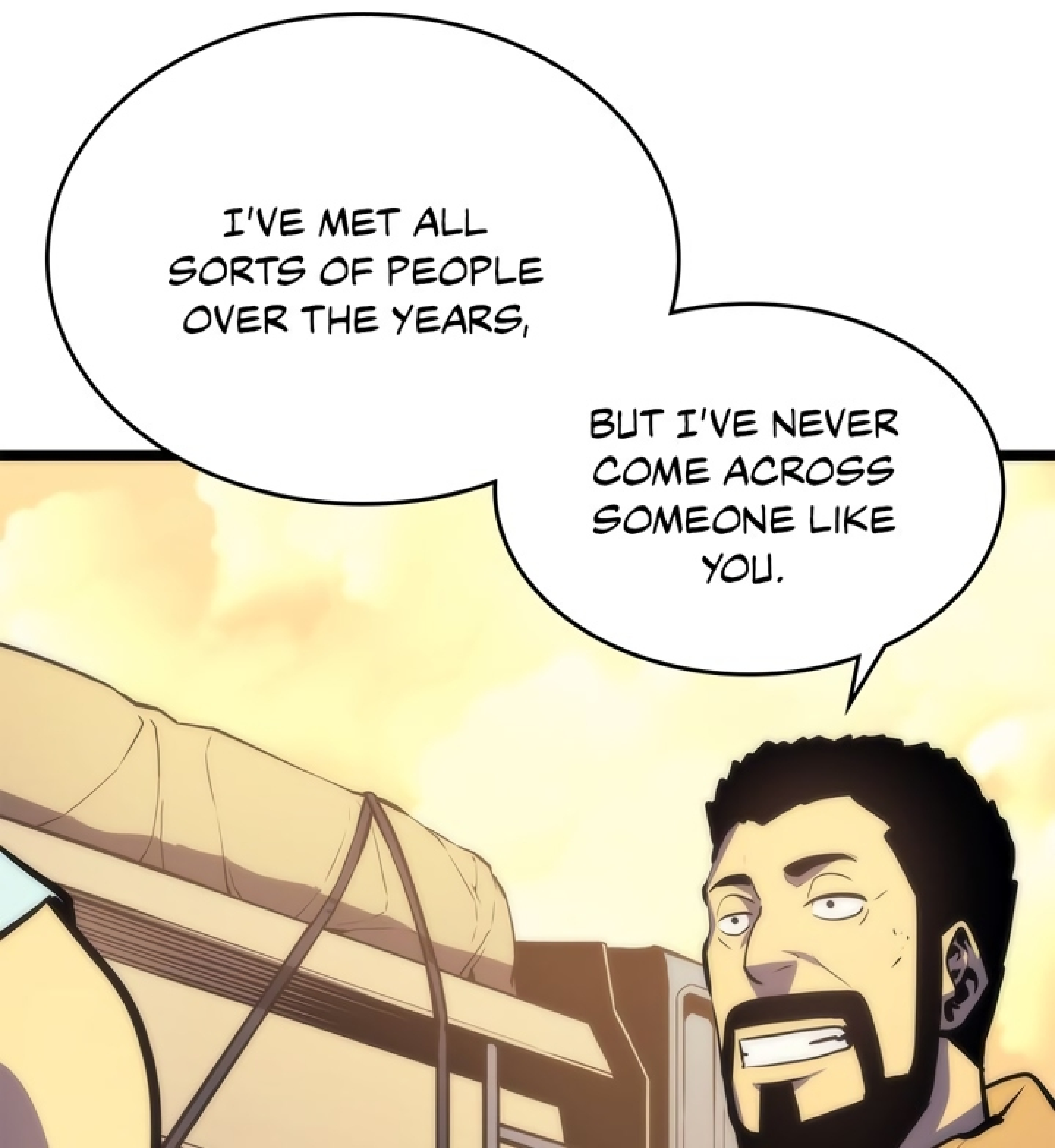
...BECAUSE I'M A PLAYER.

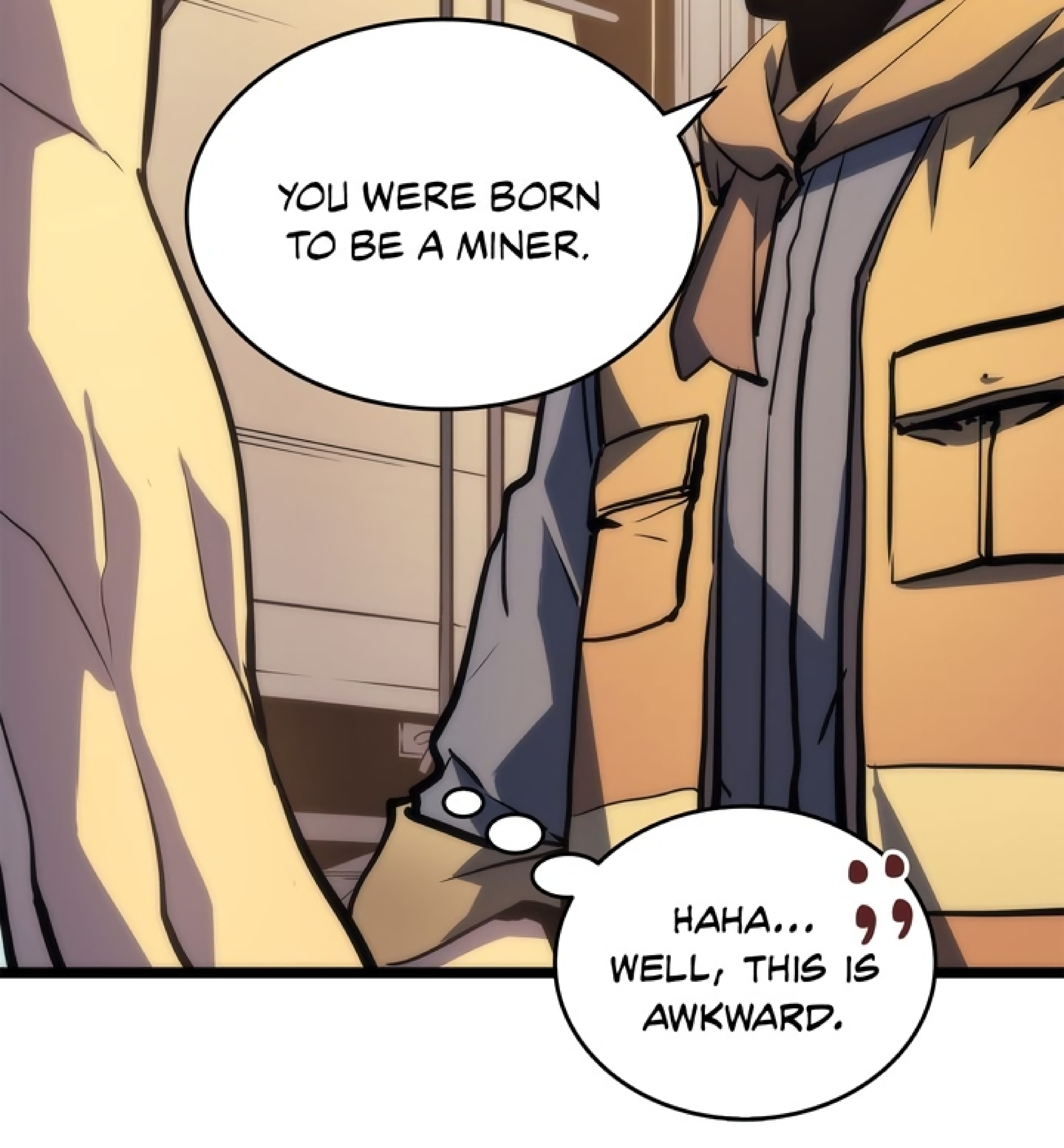
THE ONLY ONE THAT RECEIVES SPECIAL BENEFITS FROM THE SYSTEM...

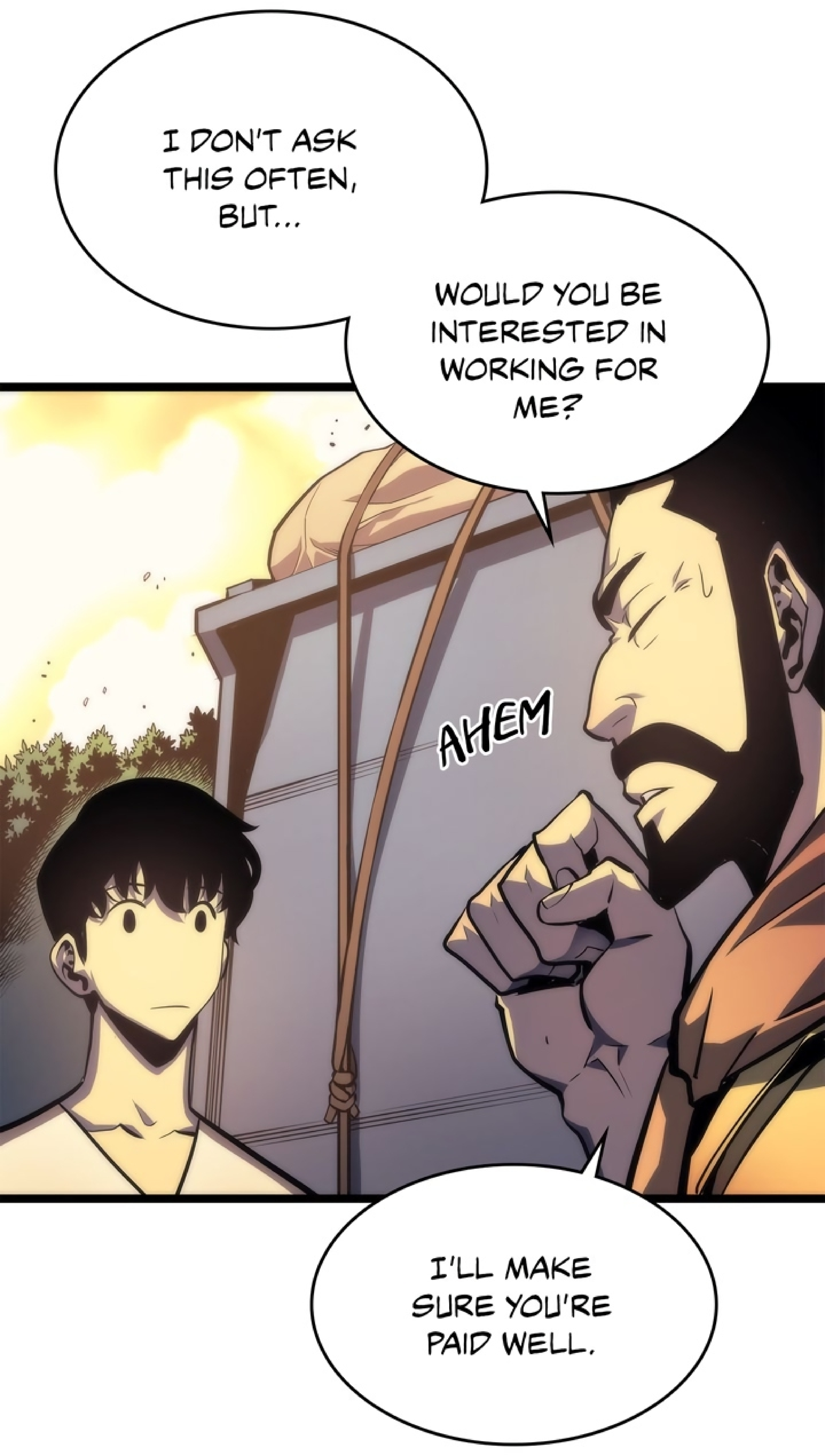
WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A PLAYER?

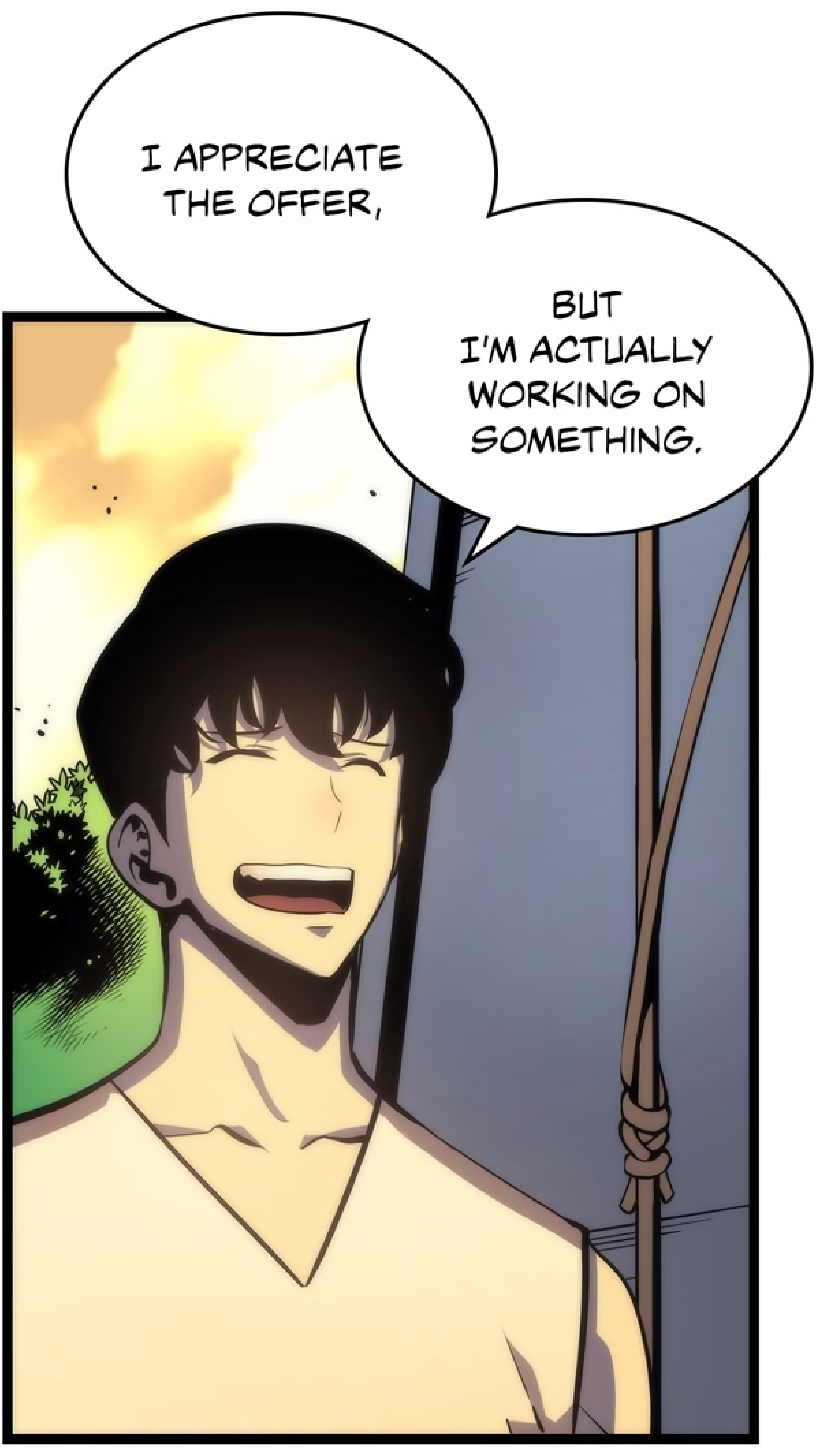

NICE WORK TODAY, SUNG!

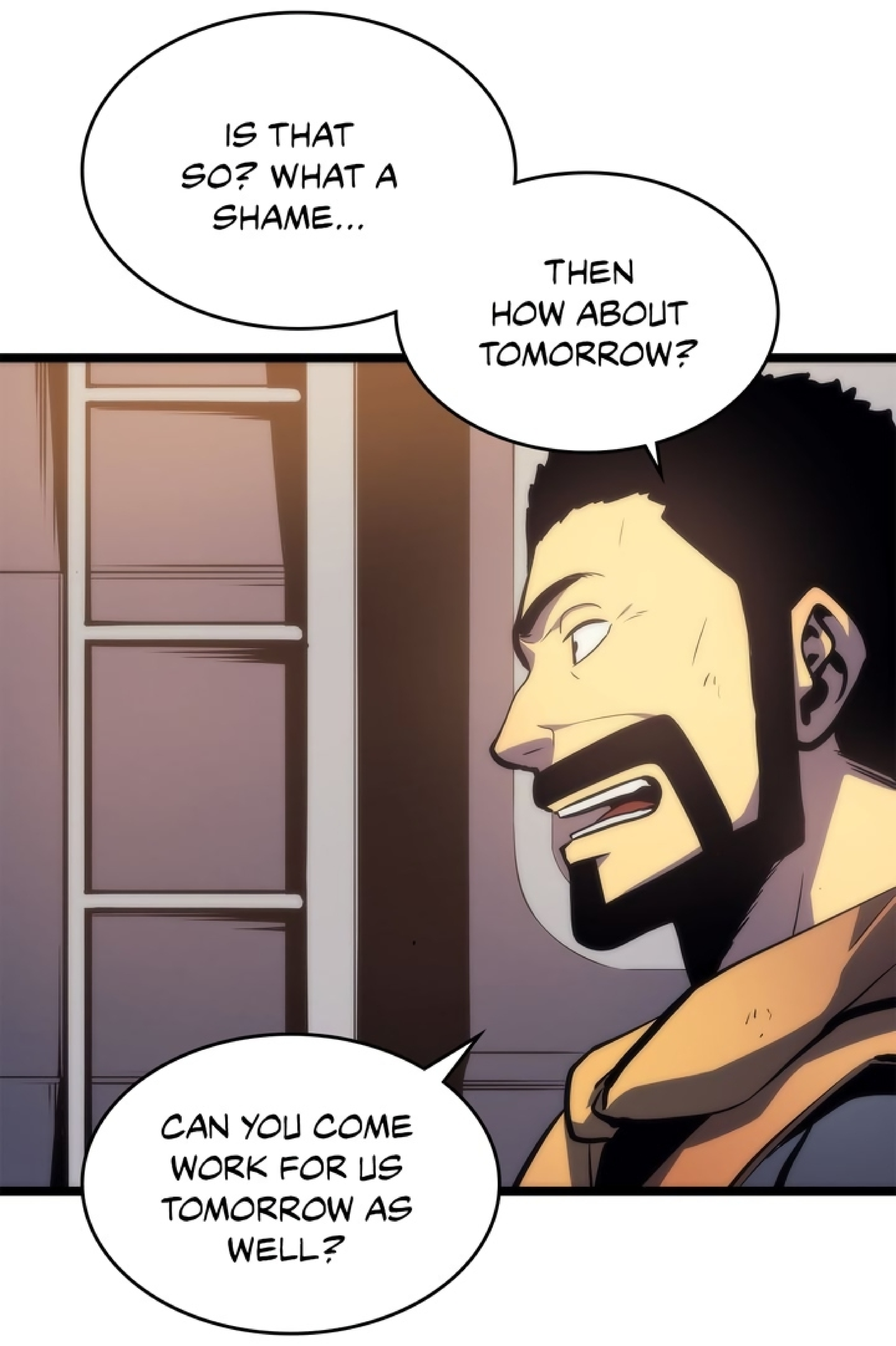

YOU'RE PRETTY GOOD.
I THOUGHT SOMEONE HAD BROUGHT AN EXCAVATOR OR SOMETHING. THERE WERE MANA CRYSTALS FLYING ALL OVER THE PLACE!
THANK YOU.
THANKS TO YOU, WE WERE ABLE TO FINISH TWO HOURS EARLY.
I DIDN'T THINK WE'D FINISH BEFORE THE HAULING TEAM.
HMPH

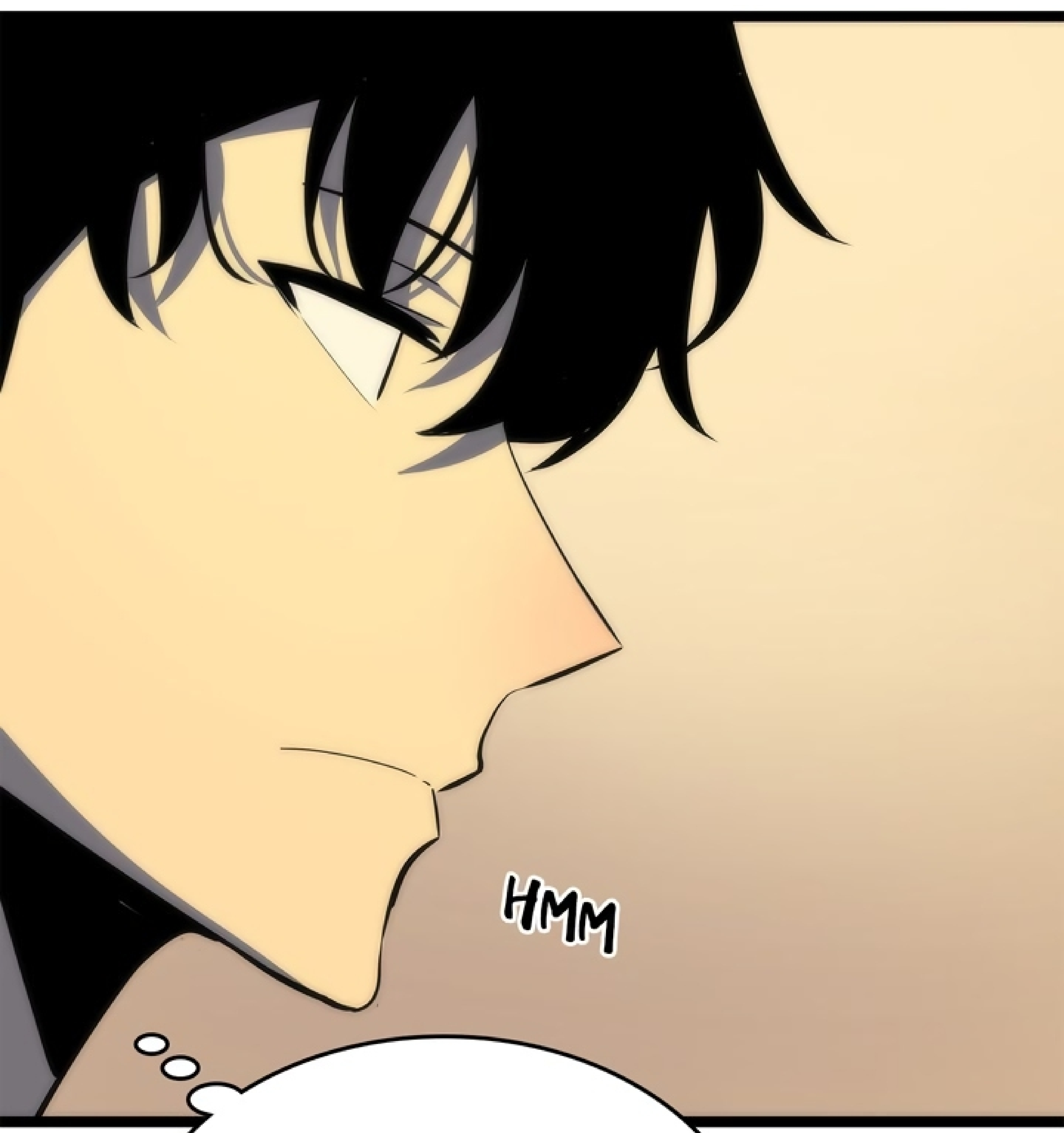

I'VE MET ALL SORTS OF PEOPLE OVER THE YEARS,
BUT I'VE NEVER COME ACROSS SOMEONE LIKE YOU.

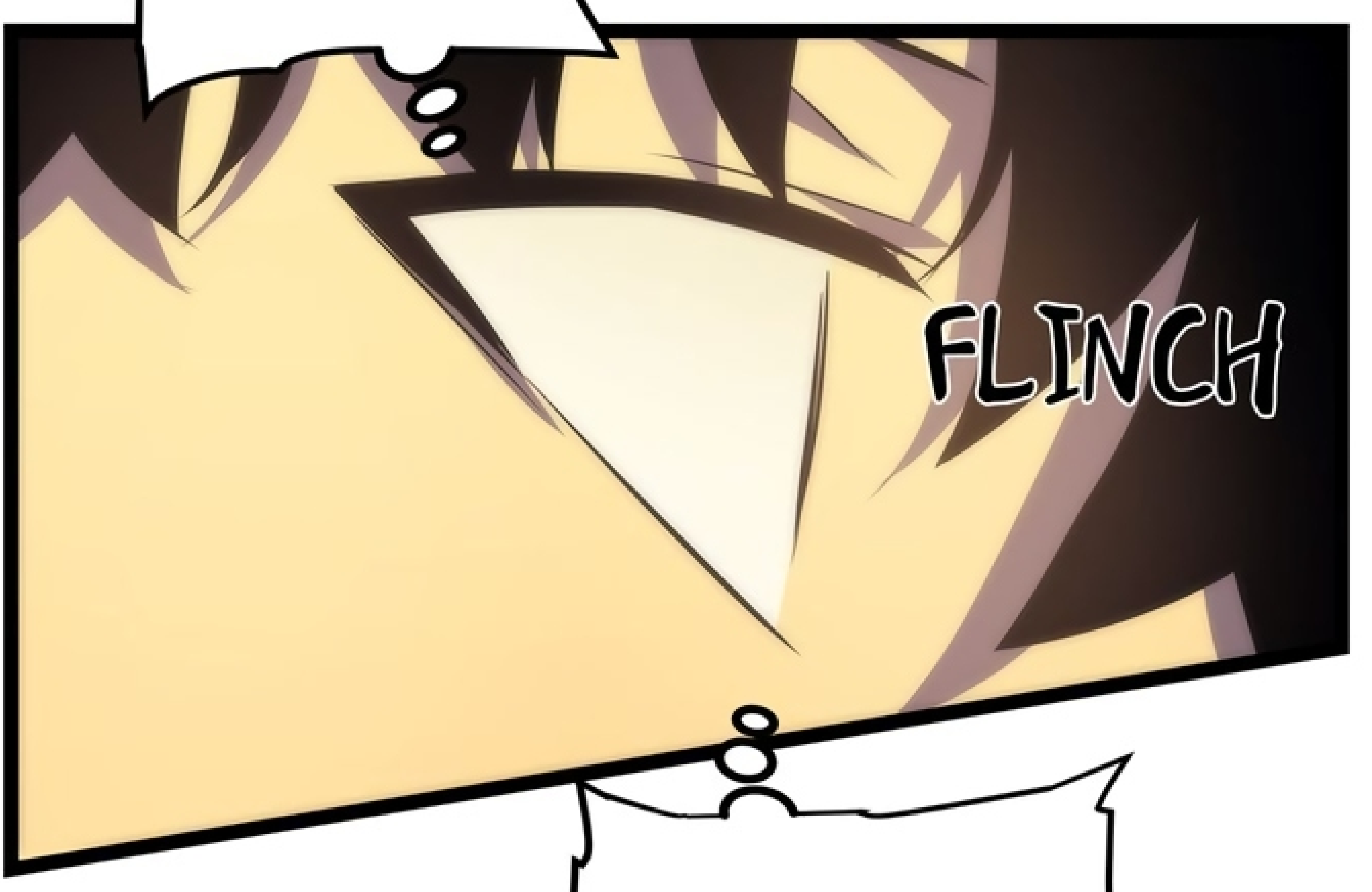

YOU WERE BORN TO BE A MINER.
HAHA... WELL, THIS IS AWKWARD.

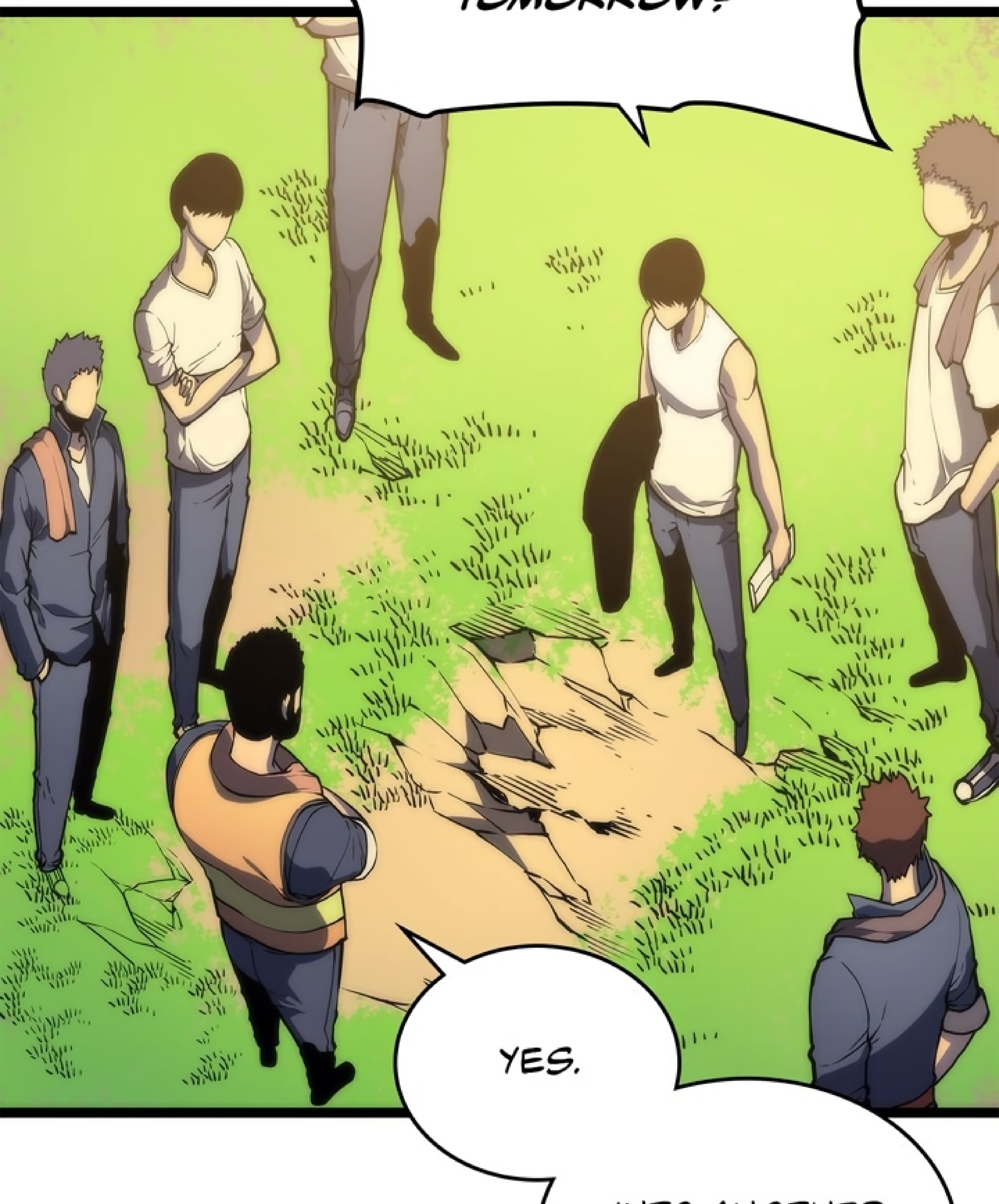

I DON'T ASK THIS OFTEN, BUT...
WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN WORKING FOR ME?
AHEM
I'LL MAKE SURE YOU'RE PAID WELL.

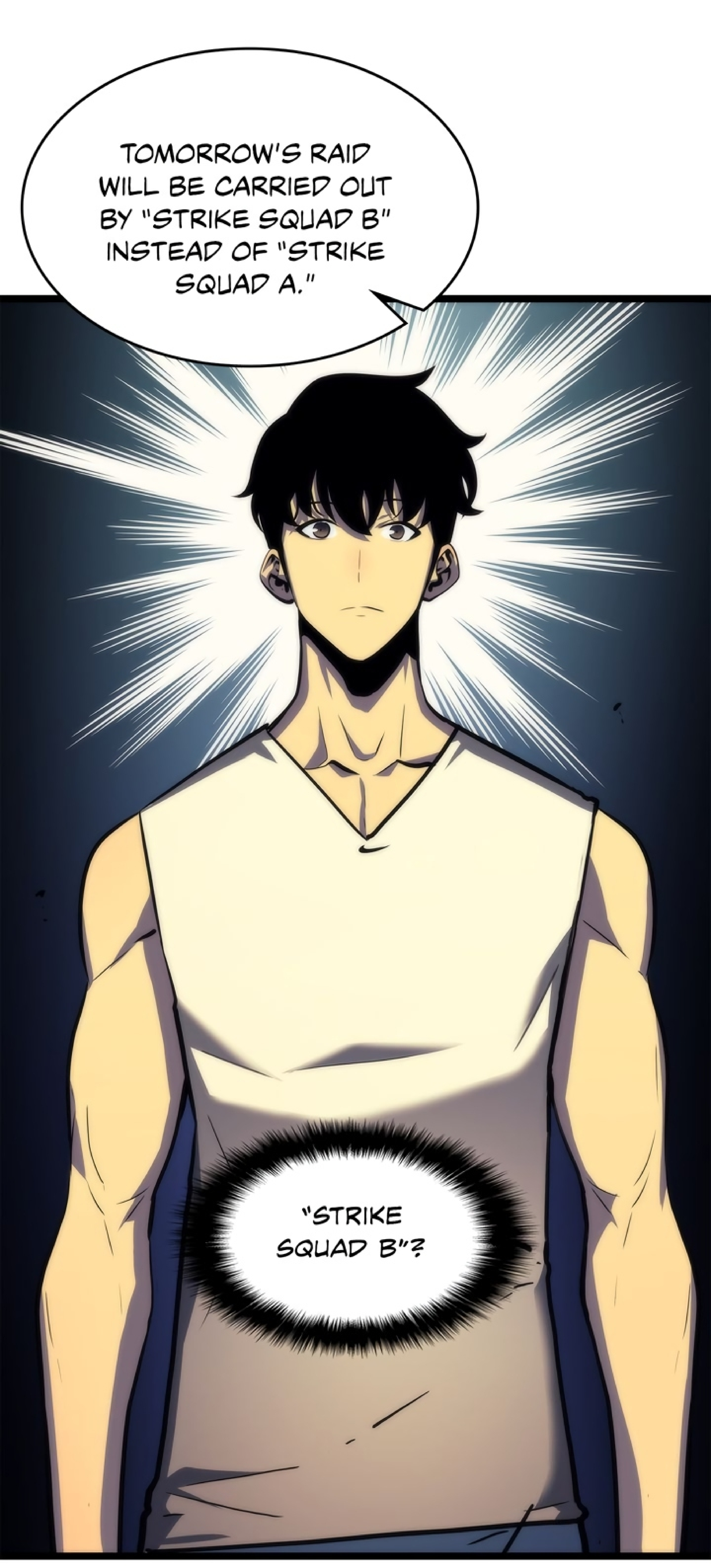

I APPRECIATE THE OFFER,
BUT I'M ACTUALLY WORKING ON SOMETHING.


IS THAT SO? WHAT A SHAME...
THEN HOW ABOUT TOMORROW?
CAN YOU COME WORK FOR US TOMORROW AS WELL?

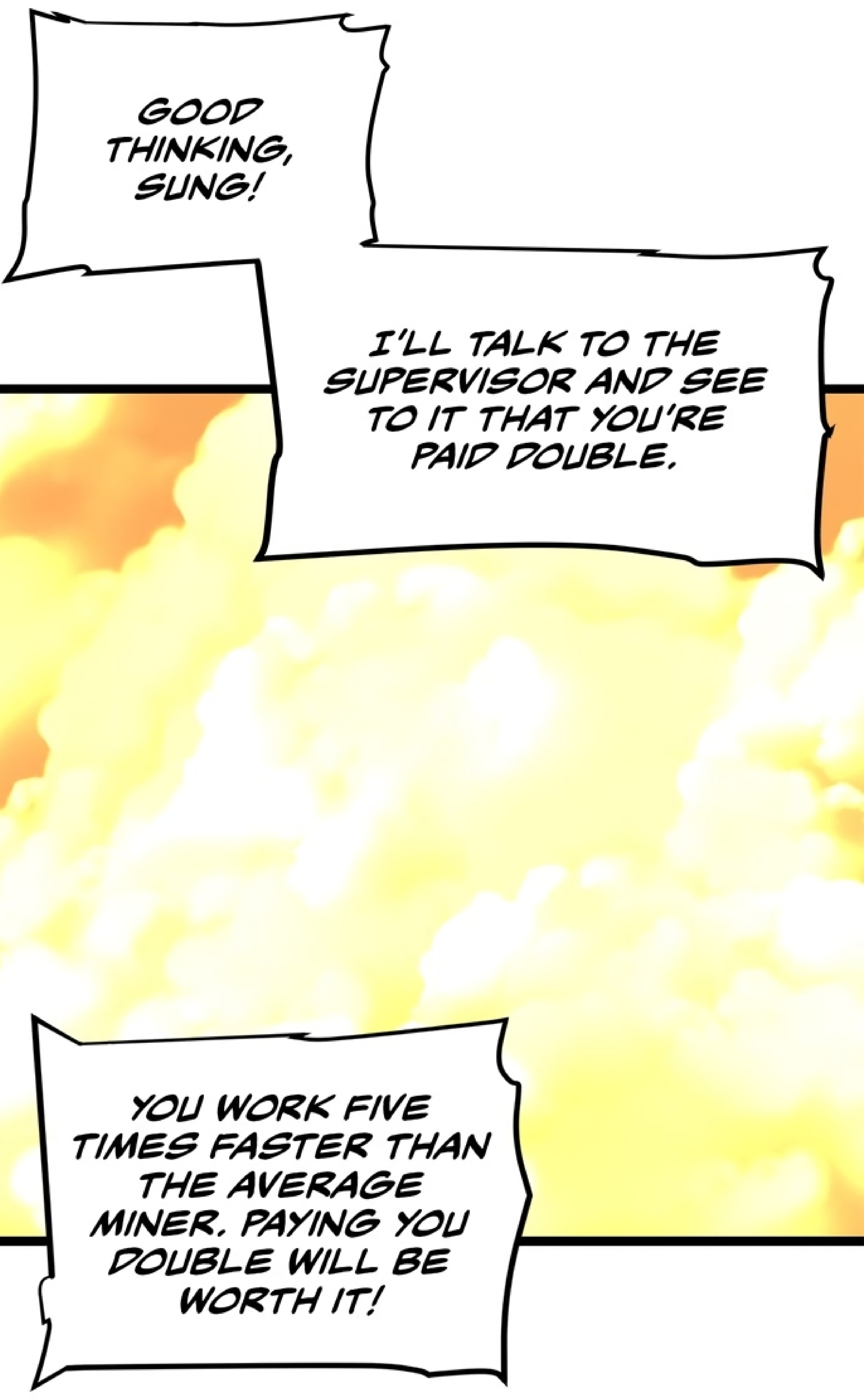

HMM
I HAVE MY RE-EVALUATION IN TWO DAYS. I DON'T NEED TO WORK AS A MINER AGAIN.
I'VE ALREADY GOT A GOOD GRASP ON HOW TO CARRY OUT A RAID, SO...
WAIT.

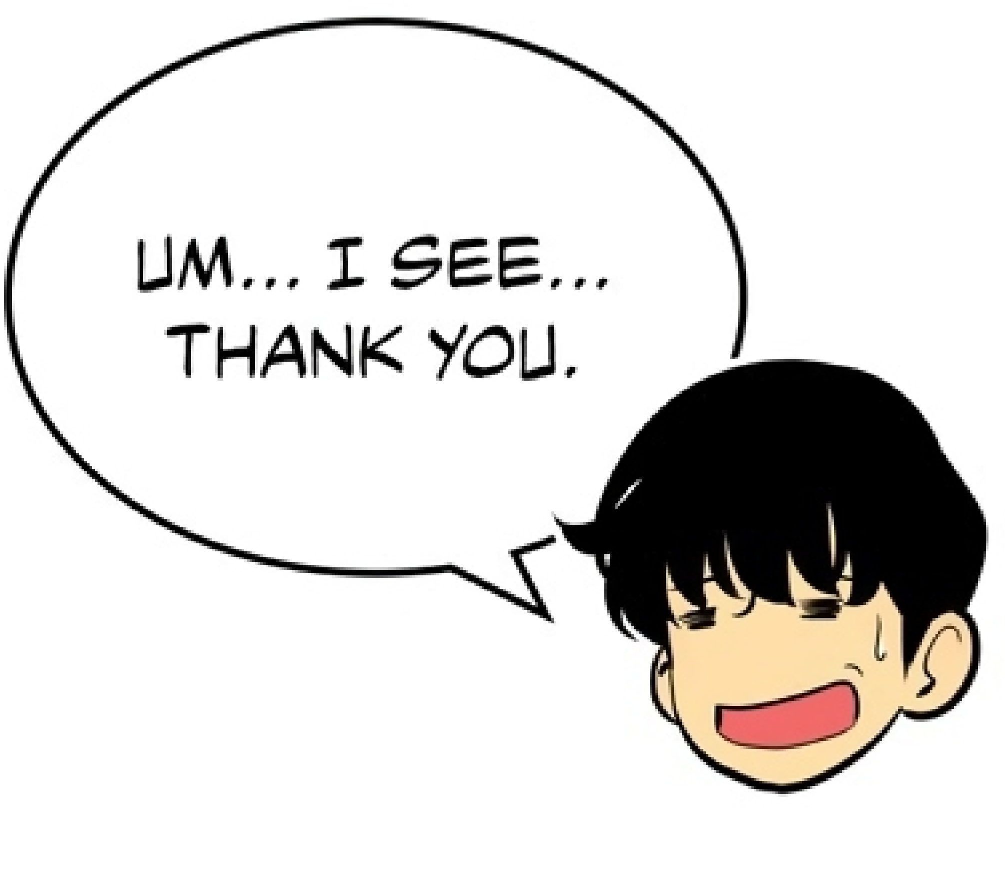

FLINCH
"TOMORROW AS WELL"?
IS THE HUNTERS GUILD GOING ON ANOTHER RAID TOMORROW?

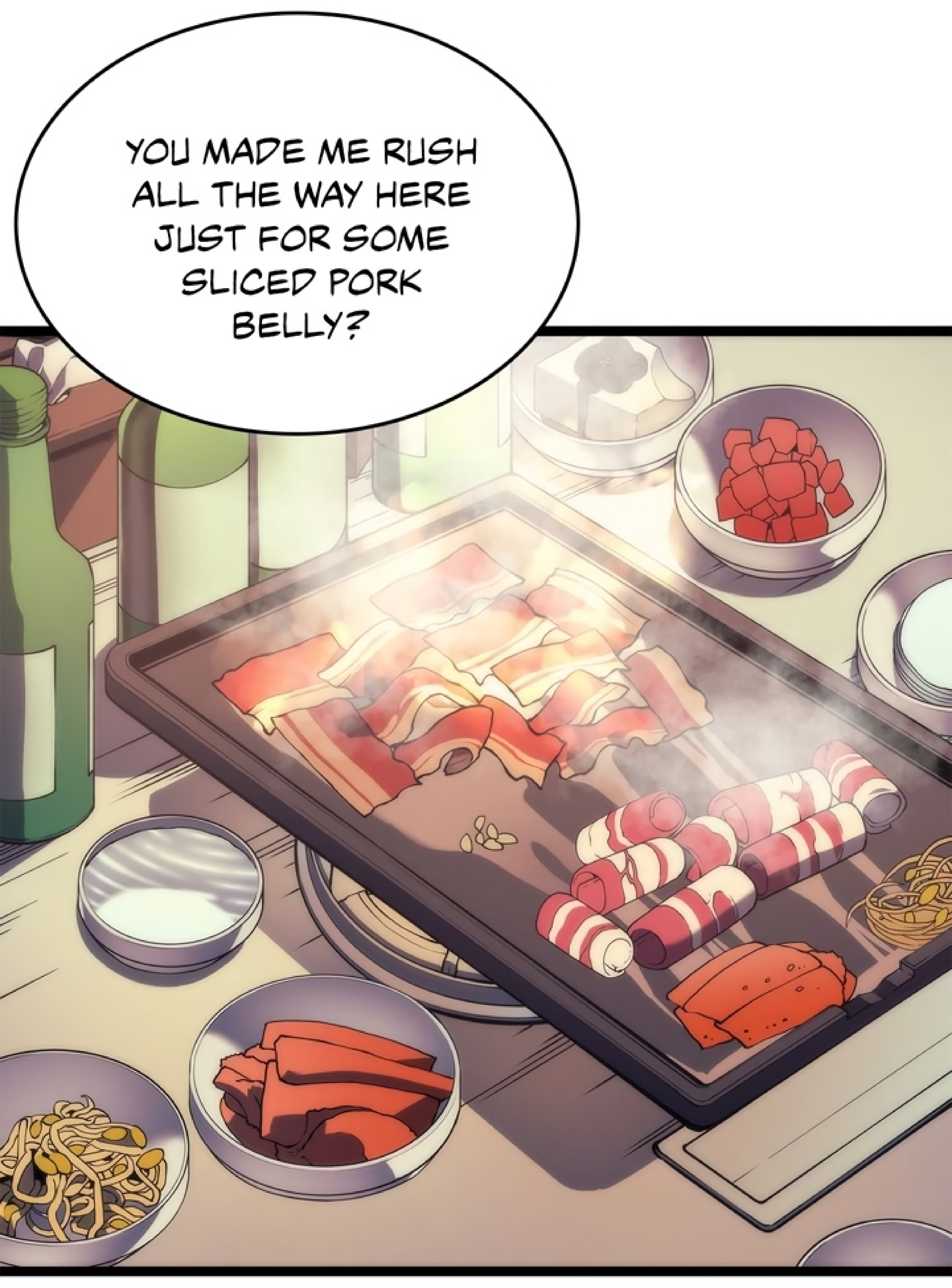

YES.
INTO ANOTHER A-RANK GATE.

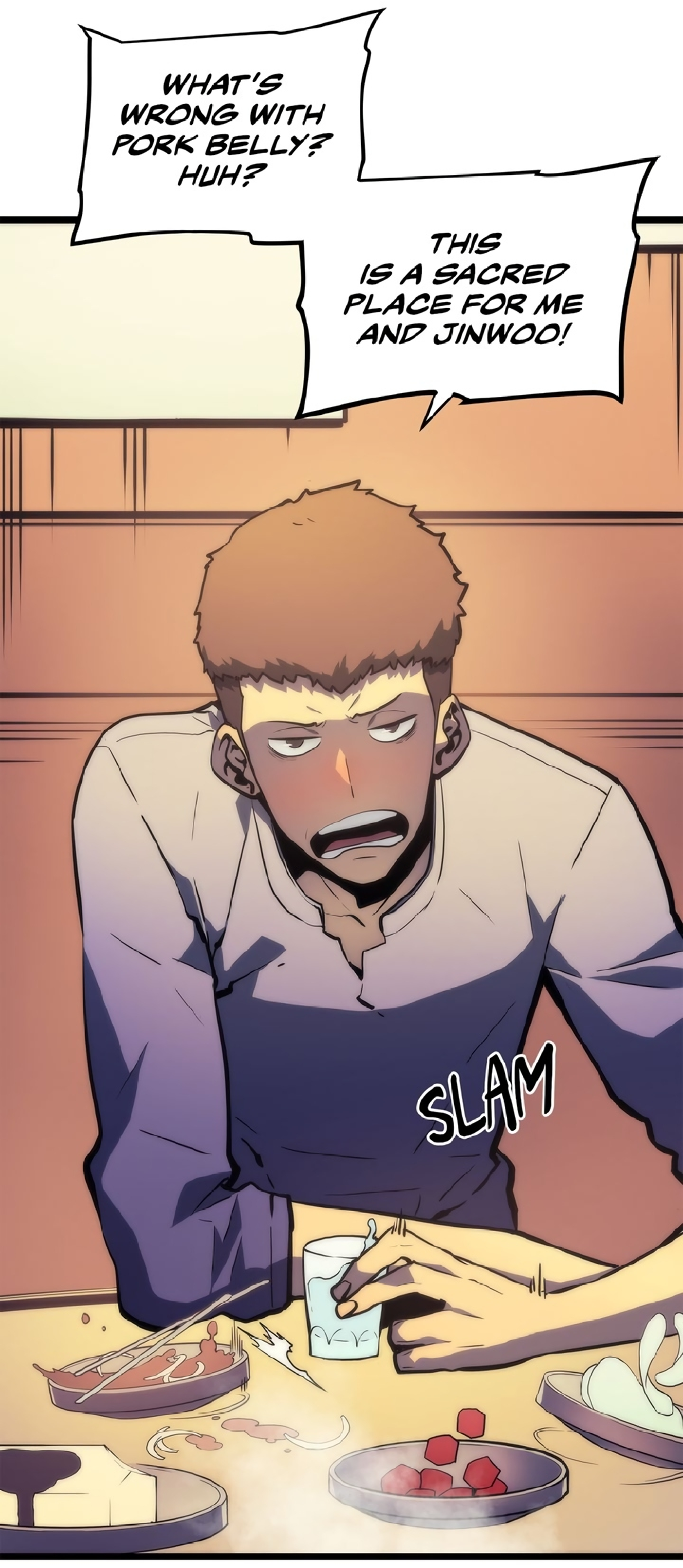

TOMORROW'S RAID WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY "STRIKE SQUAD B" INSTEAD OF "STRIKE SQUAD A."
"STRIKE SQUAD B"?

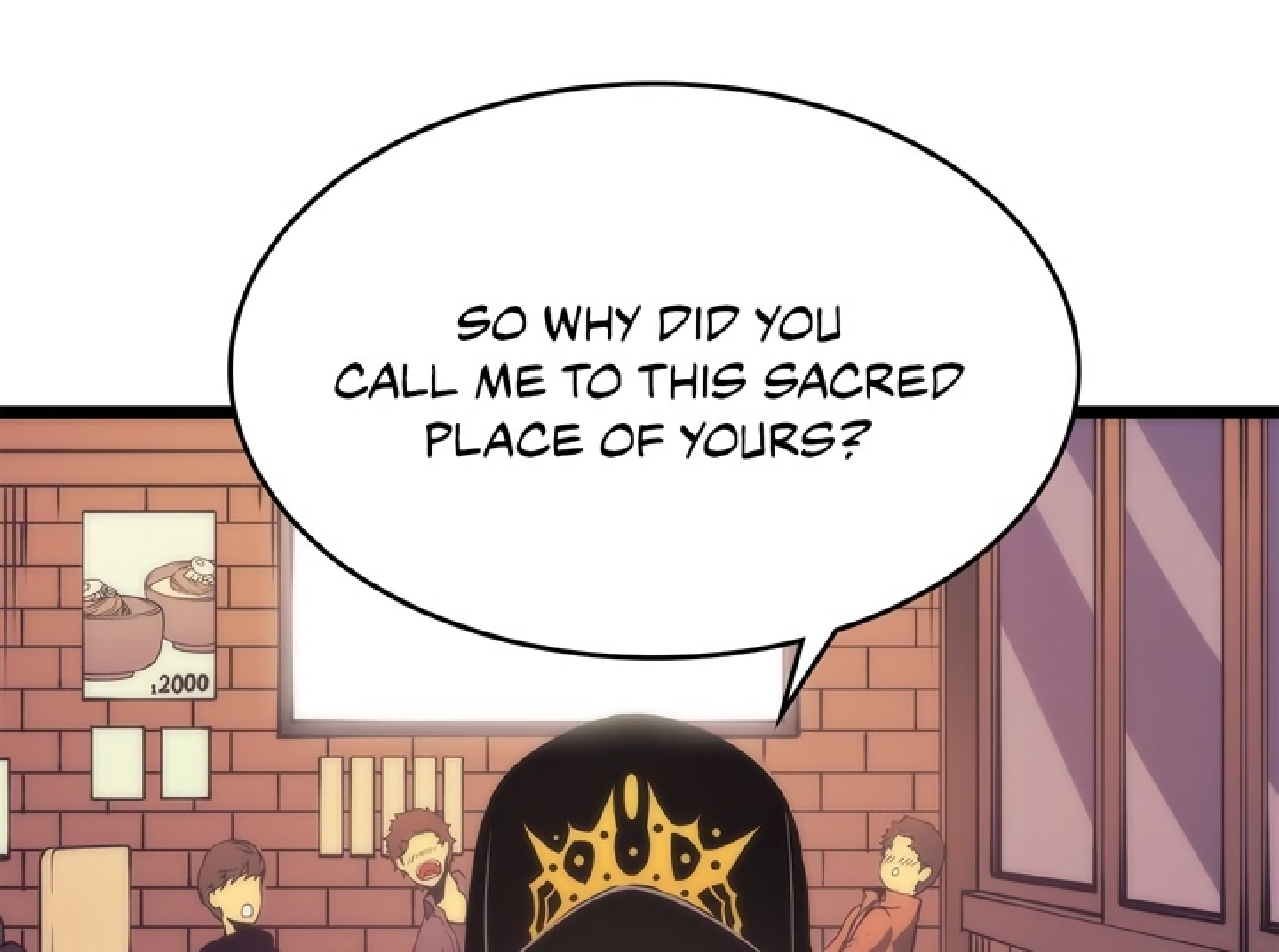
THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE A SECOND-TIER STRIKE SQUAD CLEAR AN A-RANK GATE?
THAT'S THE STRENGTH OF THE HUNTERS GUILD.
IT'S PROBABLY THE ONLY GUILD IN KOREA WITH TWO STRIKE SQUADS THAT ARE CAPABLE OF CLEARING AN A-RANK GATE. THAT'S WHY THE TWO TEAMS CAN DIVIDE UP THE WORK.
WHERE SHOULD I MEET YOU GUYS TOMORROW?


GOOD THINKING, SUNG!
I'LL TALK TO THE SUPERVISOR AND SEE TO IT THAT YOU'RE PAID DOUBLE.
YOU WORK FIVE TIMES FASTER THAN THE AVERAGE MINER. PAYING YOU DOUBLE WILL BE WORTH IT!


UM... I SEE... THANK YOU.


YOU MADE ME RUSH ALL THE WAY HERE JUST FOR SOME SLICED PORK BELLY?


WHAT'S WRONG WITH PORK BELLY? HUH?
THIS IS A SACRED PLACE FOR ME AND JINWOO!
SLAM


SO WHY DID YOU CALL ME TO THIS SACRED PLACE OF YOURS?
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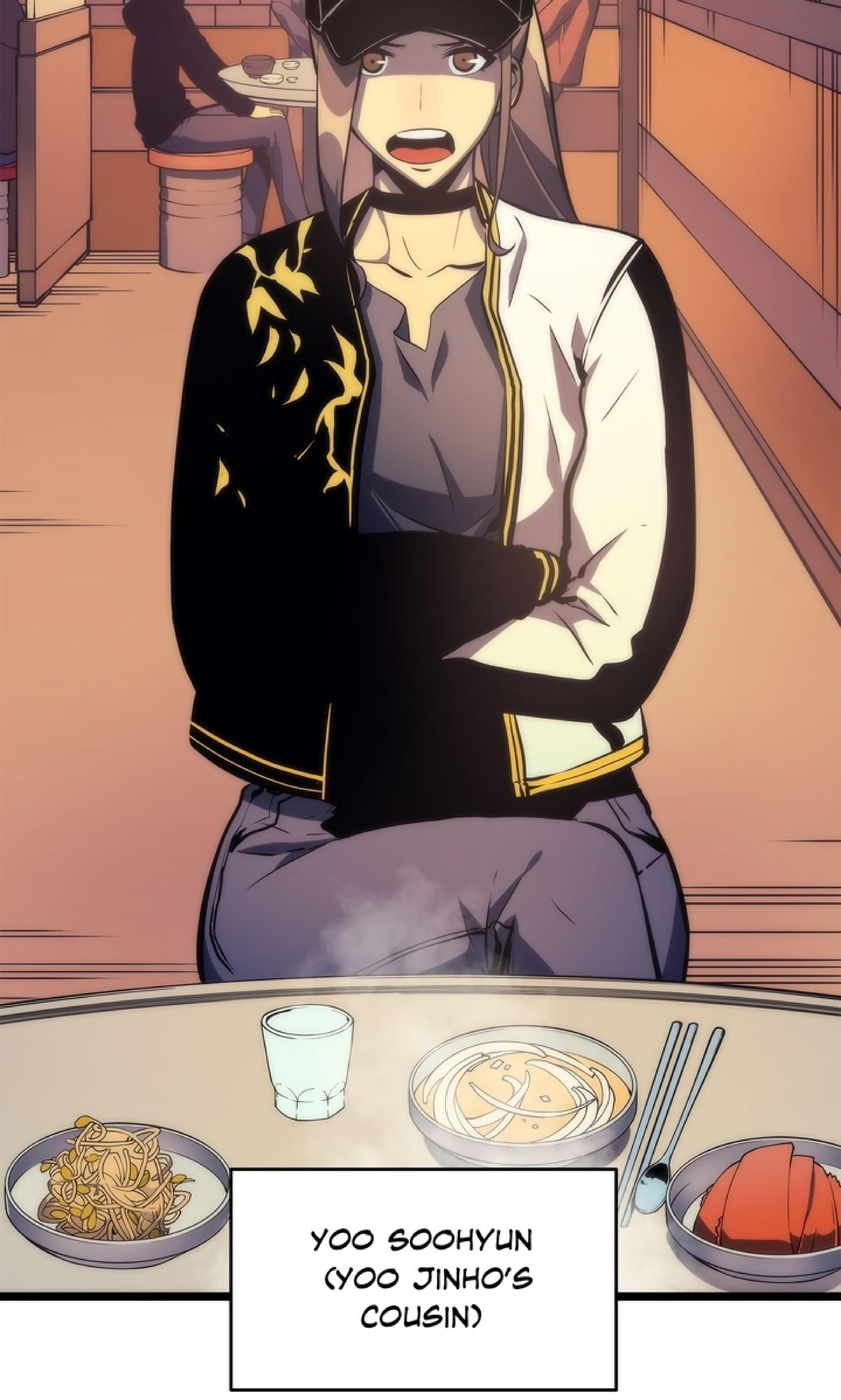
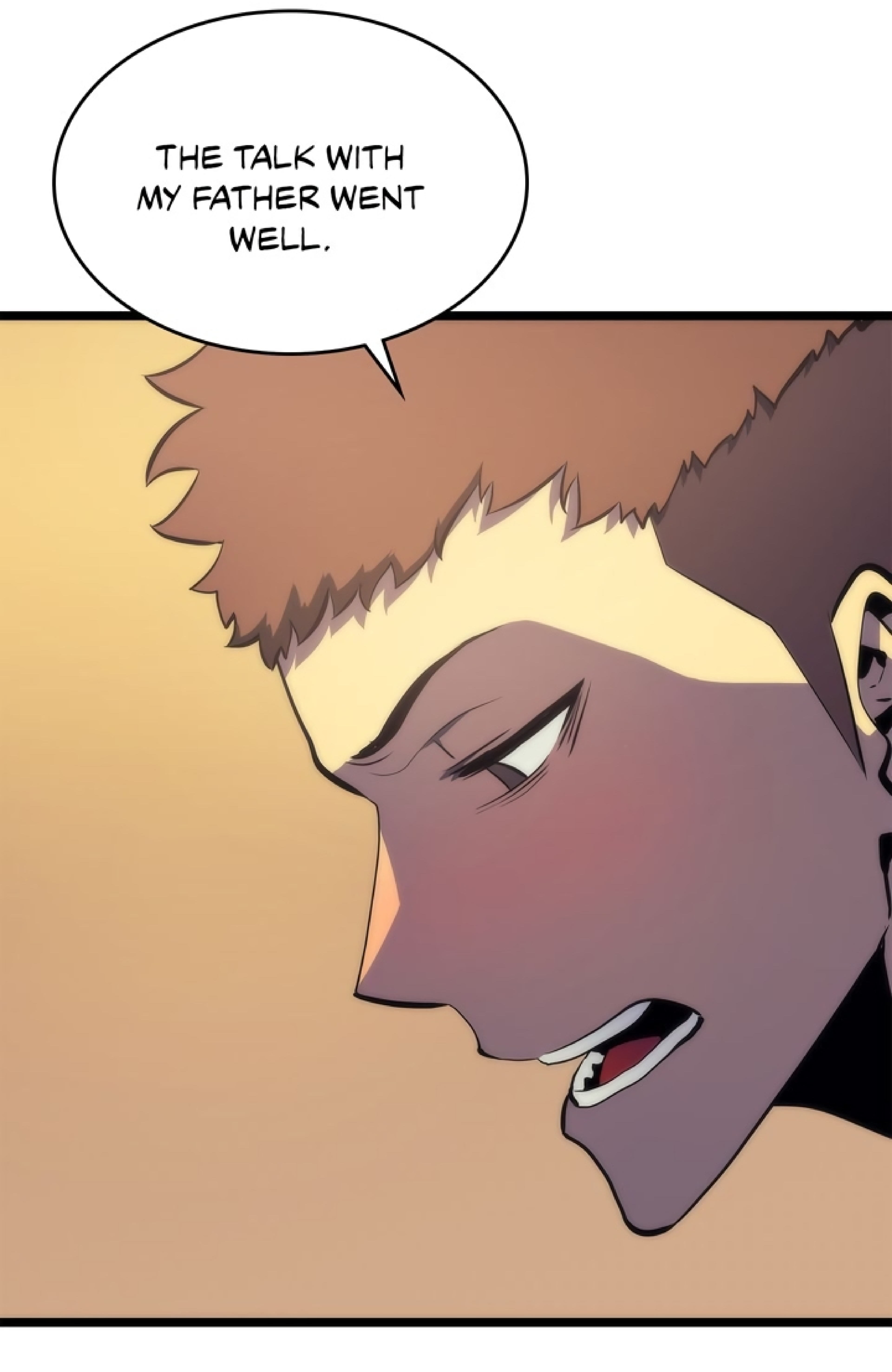
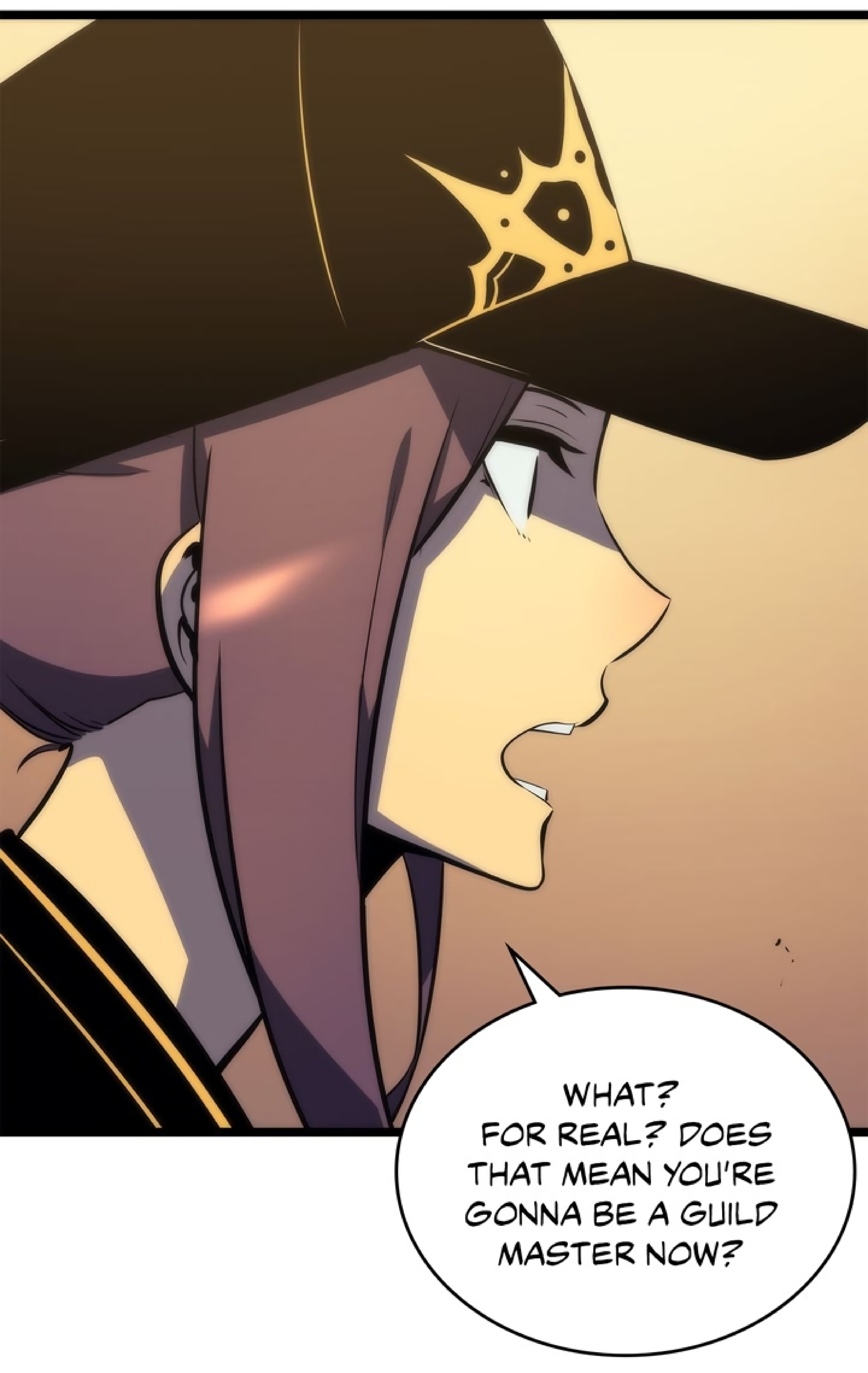
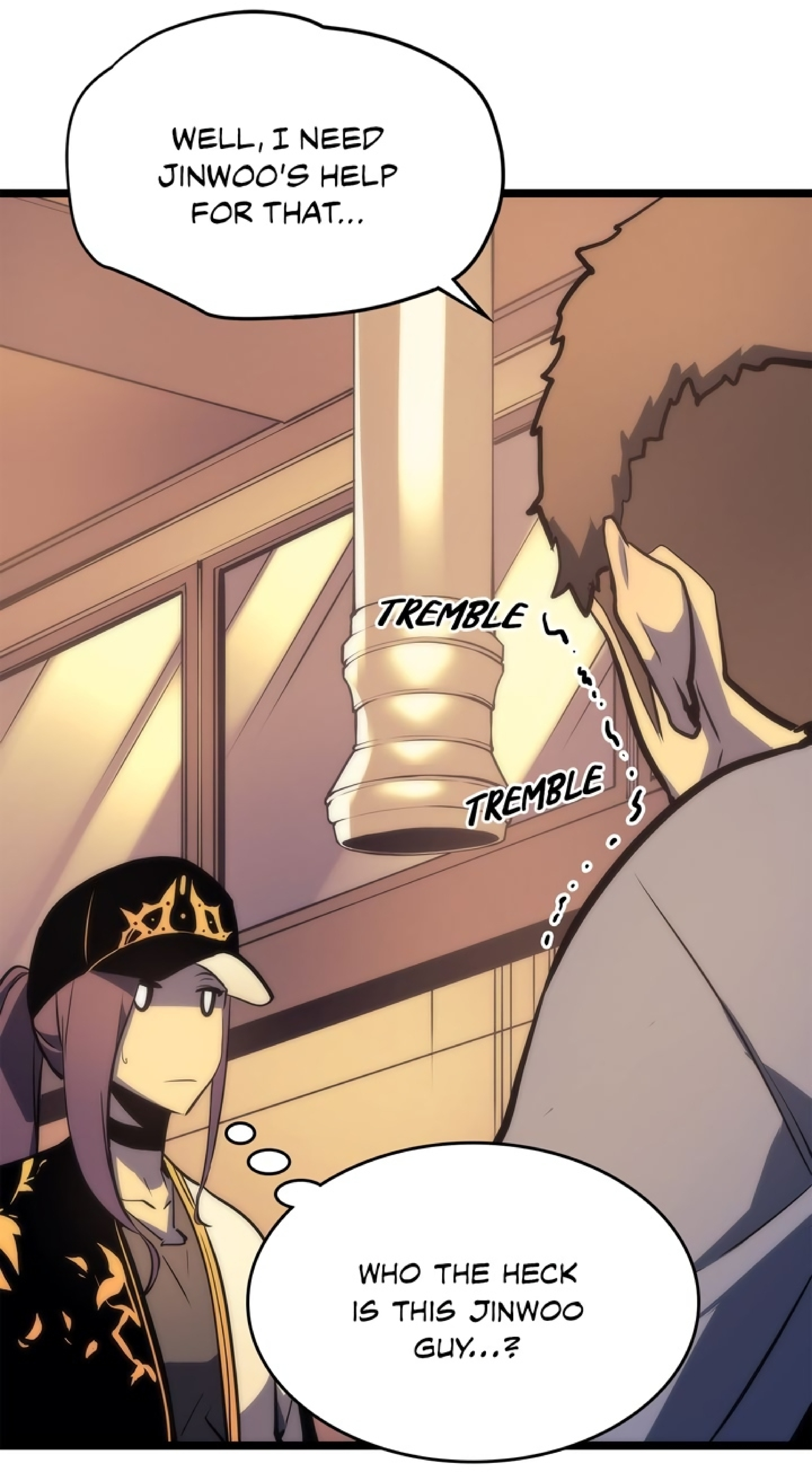
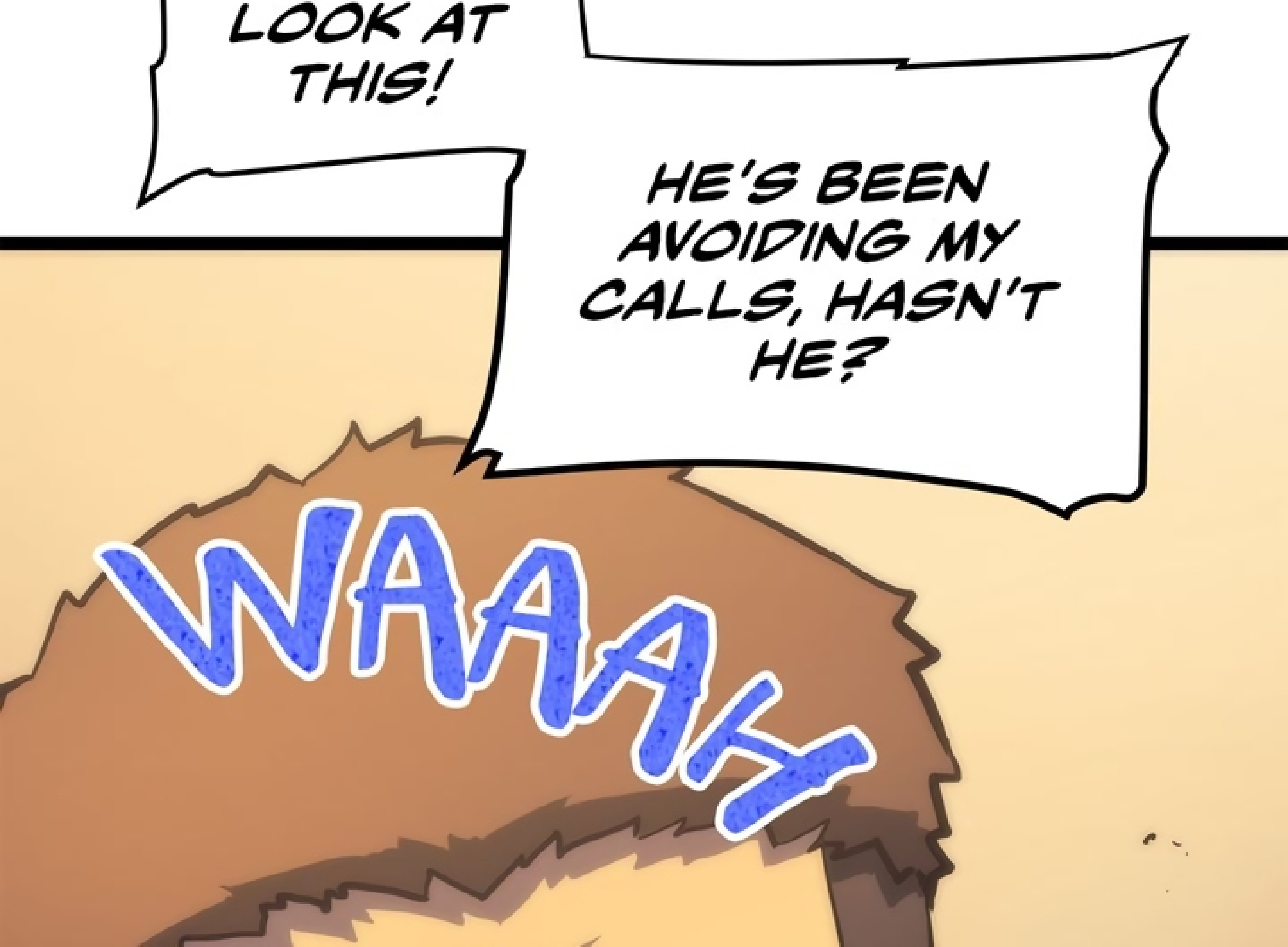
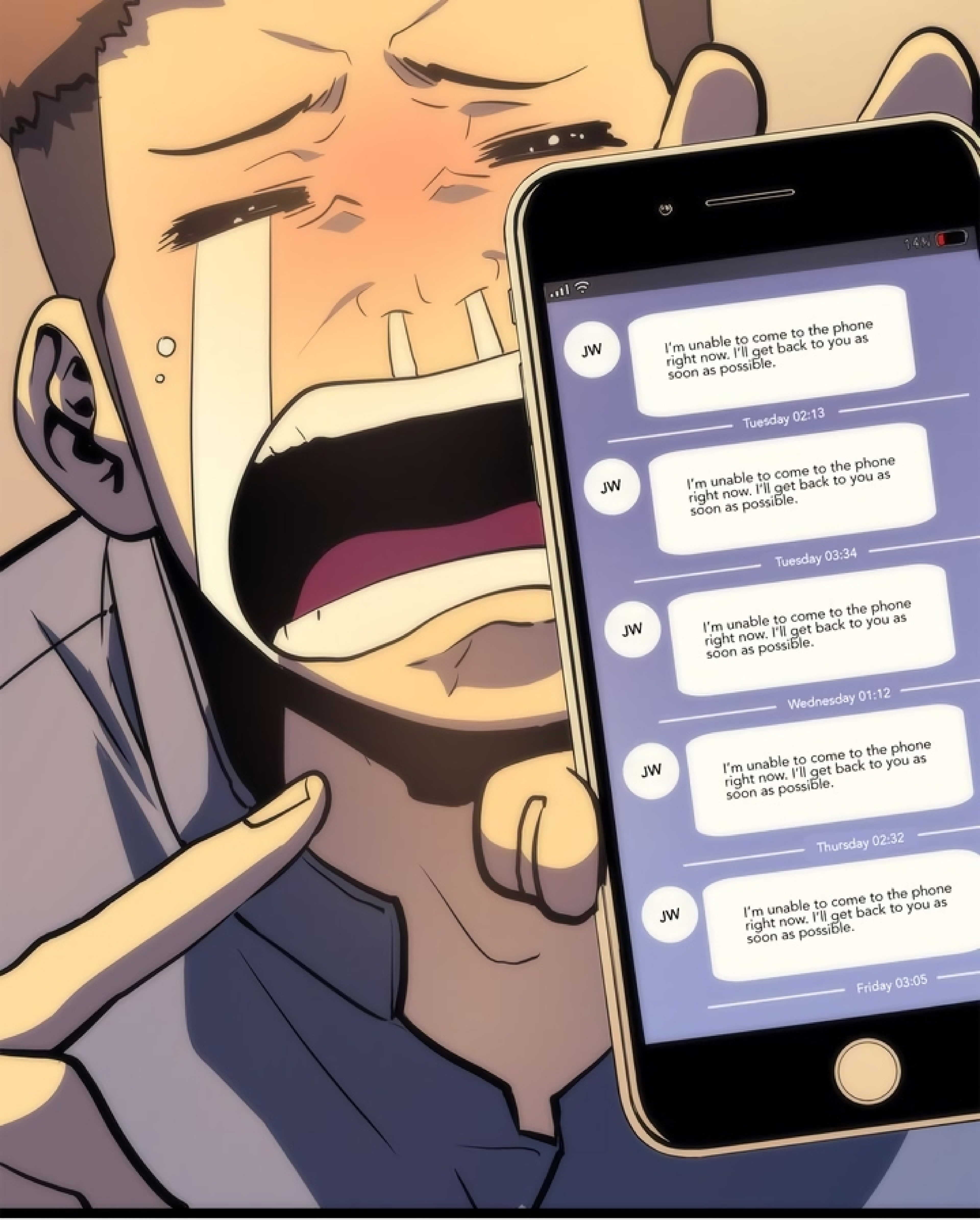

YOO SOOHYUN
(YOO JINHO'S
COUSIN)


THE TALK WITH MY FATHER WENT WELL.


WHAT? FOR REAL? DOES THAT MEAN YOU'RE GONNA BE A GUILD MASTER NOW?


WELL, I NEED JINWOO'S HELP FOR THAT...
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
WHO THE HECK IS THIS JINWOO GUY...?


...BUT LOOK AT THIS!
HE'S BEEN AVOIDING MY CALLS, HASN'T HE?
WAAAH



JW

I'm unable to come to the phone right now. I'll get back to you as soon as possible.

Tuesday 02:13

JW

I'm unable to come to the phone right now. I'll get back to you as soon as possible.

Tuesday 03:34

JW

I'm unable to come to the phone right now. I'll get back to you as soon as possible.

Wednesday 01:12

JW

I'm unable to come to the phone right now. I'll get back to you as soon as possible.

Thursday 02:32

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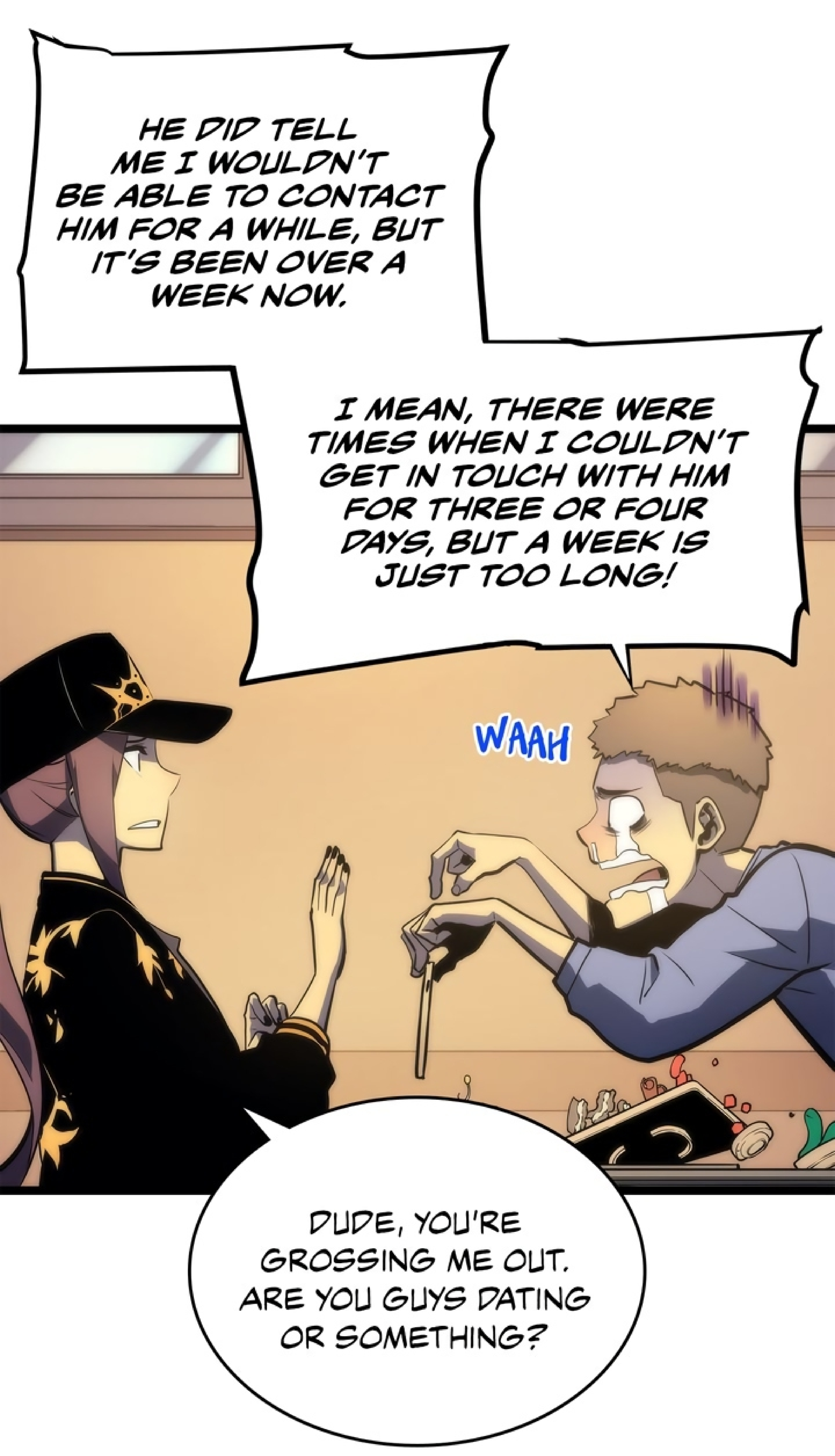
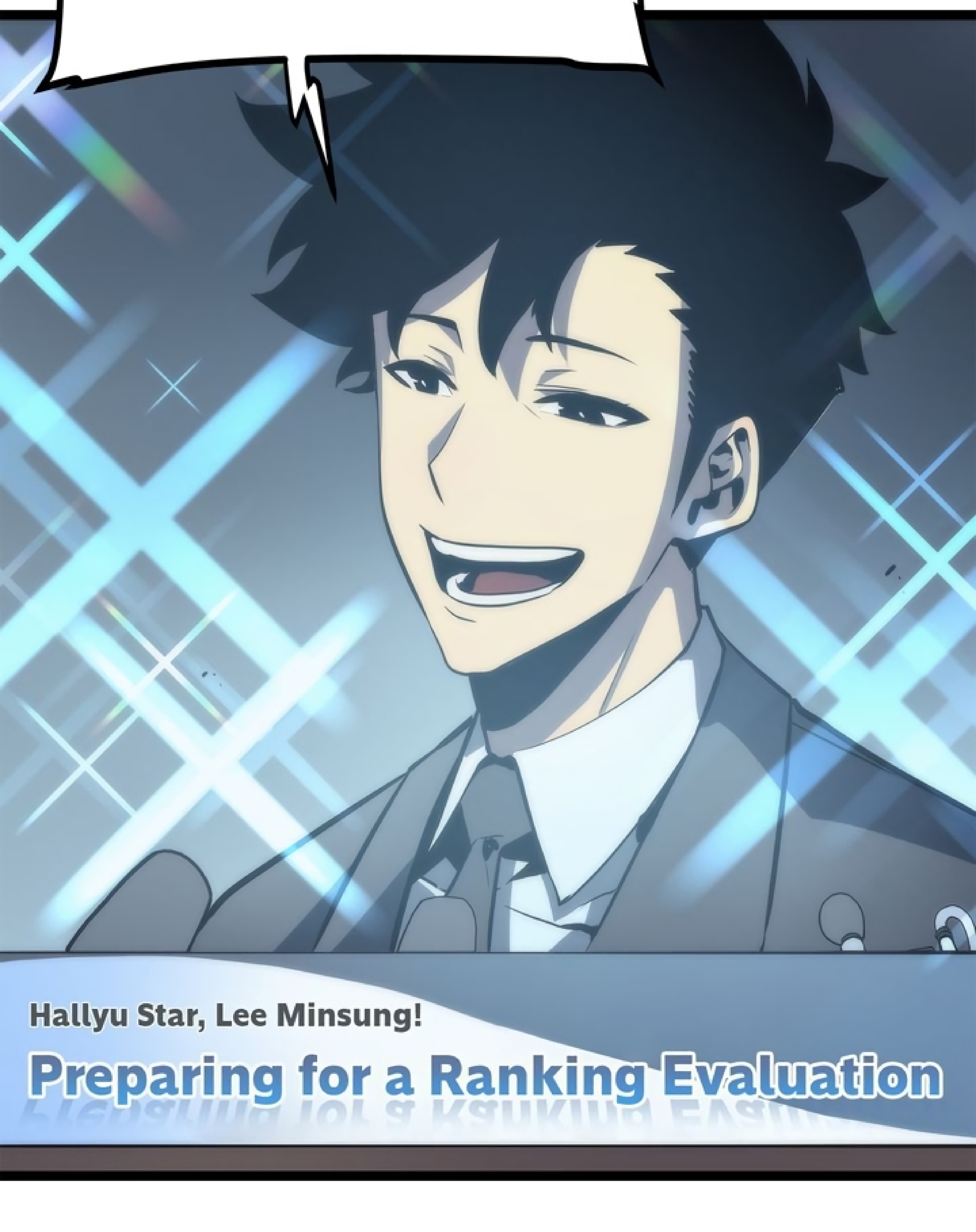
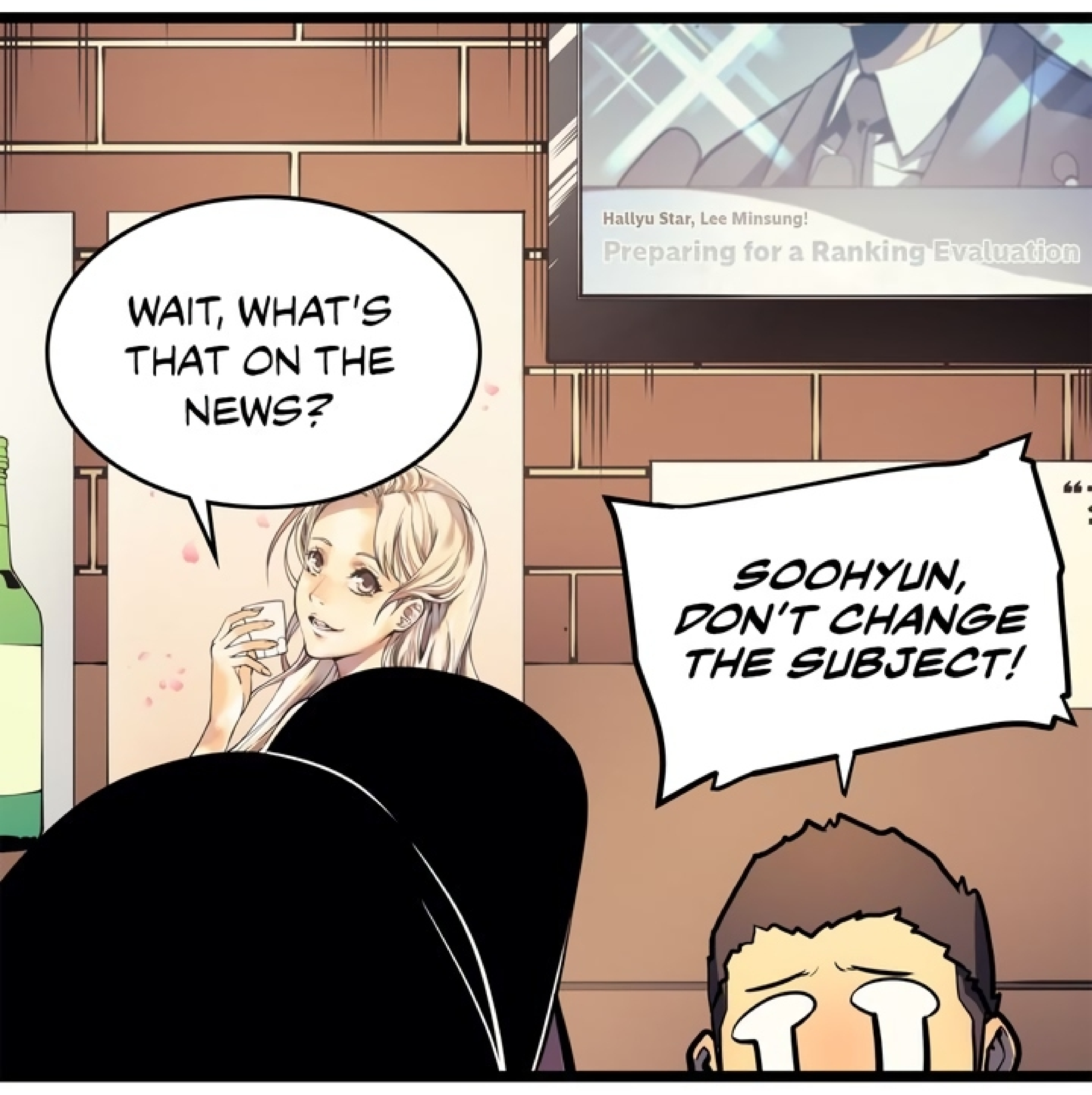
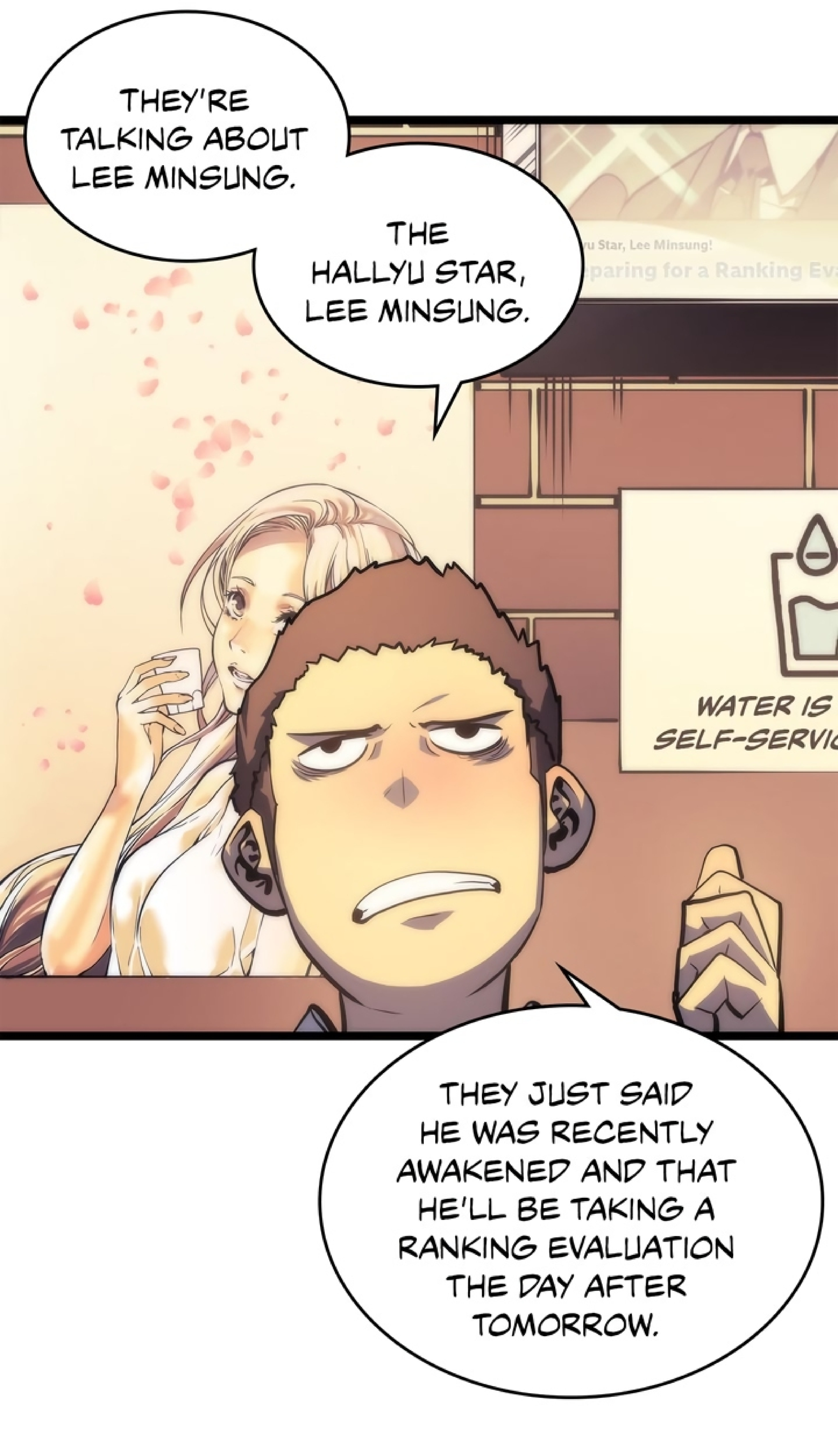
Friday 03:05


HE DID TELL ME I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO CONTACT HIM FOR A WHILE, BUT IT'S BEEN OVER A WEEK NOW.
I MEAN, THERE WERE TIMES WHEN I COULDN'T GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM FOR THREE OR FOUR DAYS, BUT A WEEK IS JUST TOO LONG!
WAAH
DUDE, YOU'RE GROSSING ME OUT. ARE YOU GUYS DATING OR SOMETHING?


I'M STILL WORKING ON A SHOOT, SO I'LL HAVE TO GET AN EVALUATION TO KNOW FOR SURE...
Hallyu Star, Lee Minsung!
Preparing for a Ranking Evaluation


Hallyu Star, Lee Minsung!
Preparing for a Ranking Evaluation
WAIT, WHAT'S THAT ON THE NEWS?
SOOHYUN, DON'T CHANGE THE SUBJECT!


THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT LEE MINSUNG.
THE HALLYU STAR, LEE MINSUNG.
u Star, Lee Minsung!
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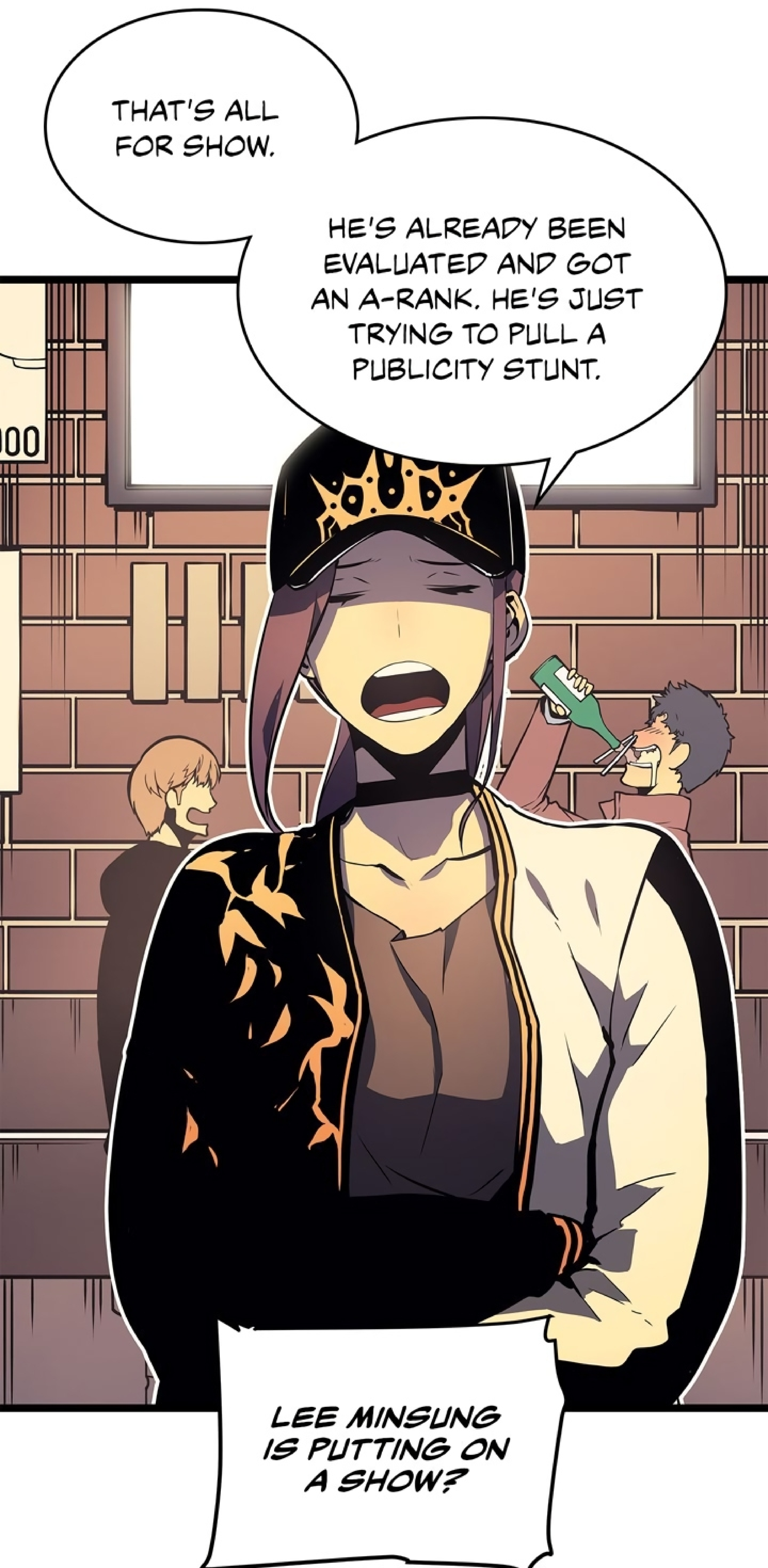
WATER IS SELF-SERVIC
THEY JUST SAID HE WAS RECENTLY AWAKENED AND THAT HE'LL BE TAKING A RANKING EVALUATION THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW.


THAT'S ALL FOR SHOW.
HE'S ALREADY BEEN EVALUATED AND GOT AN A-RANK. HE'S JUST TRYING TO PULL A PUBLICITY STUNT.
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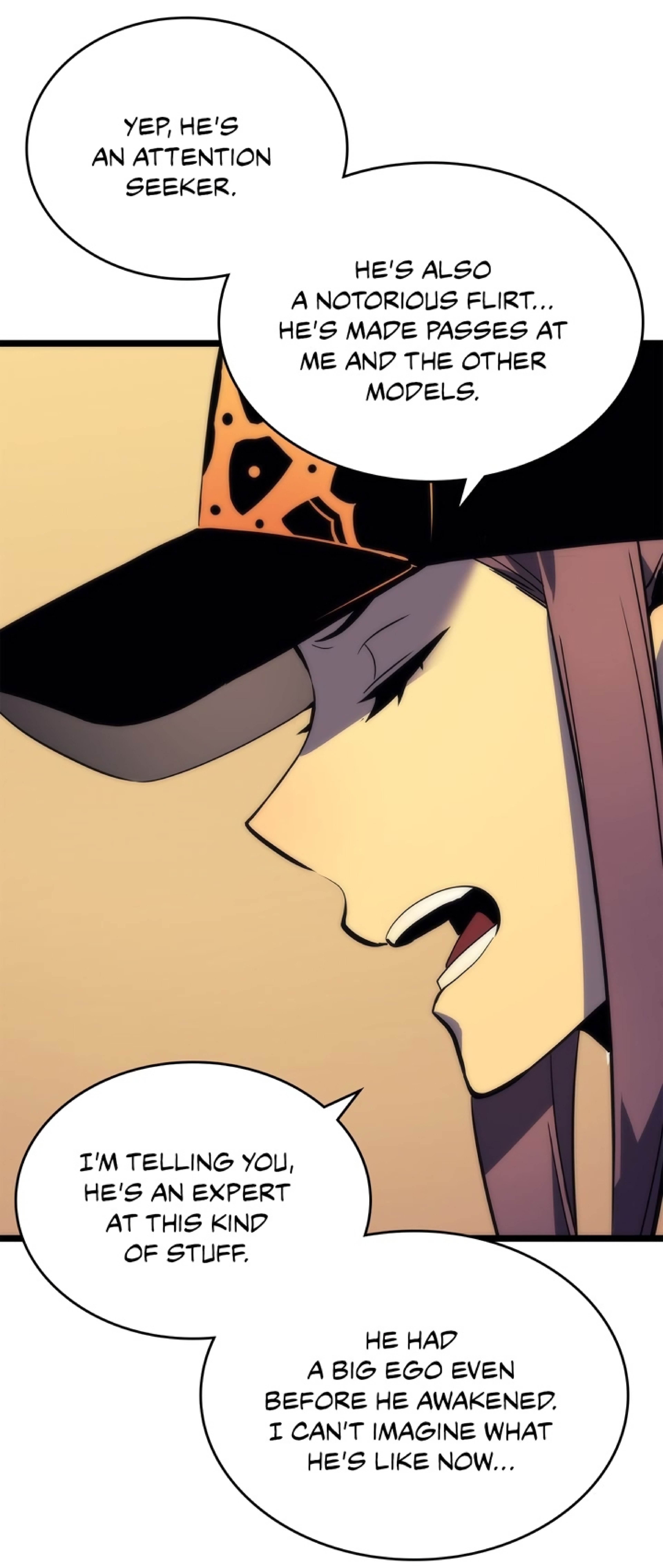
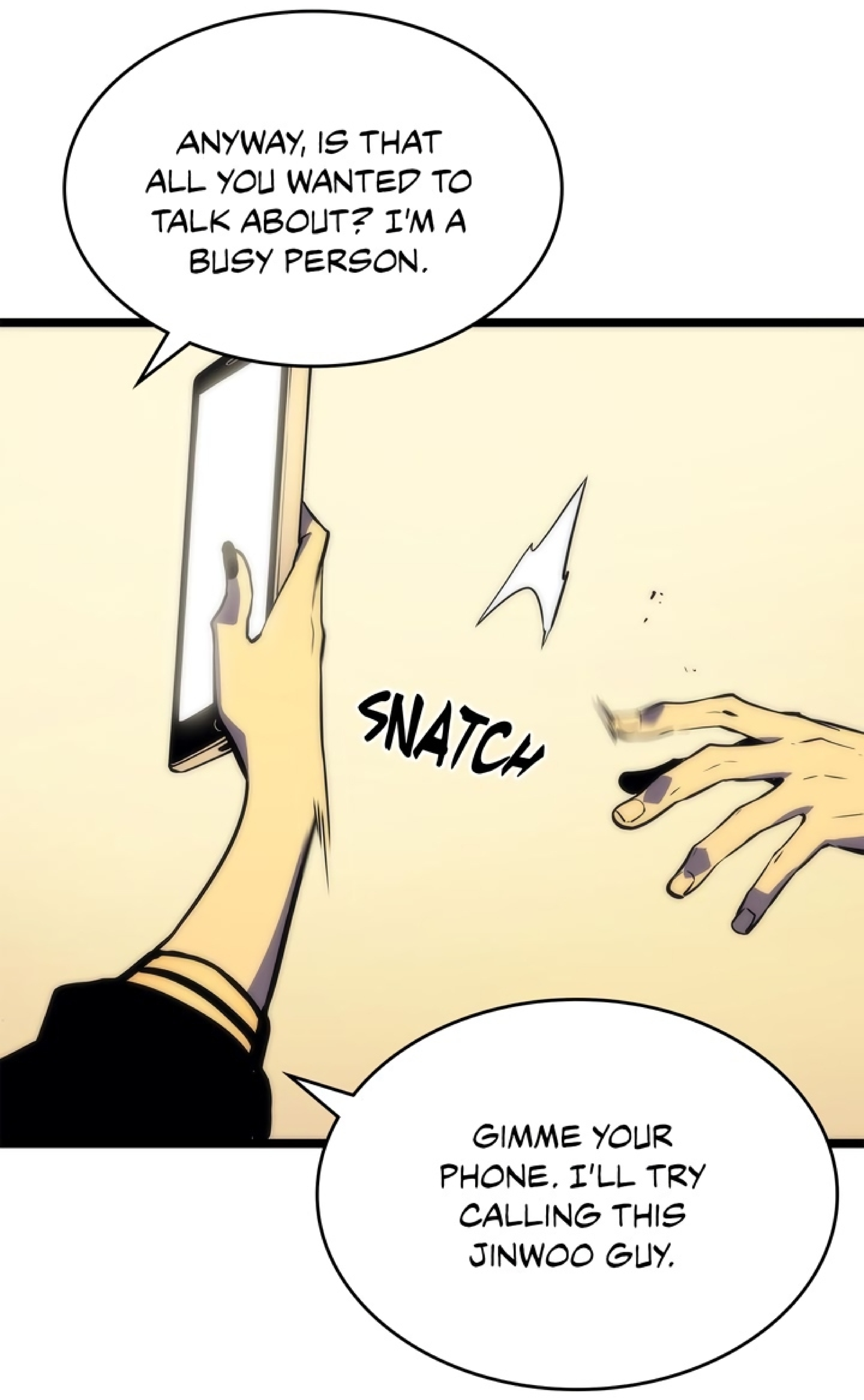
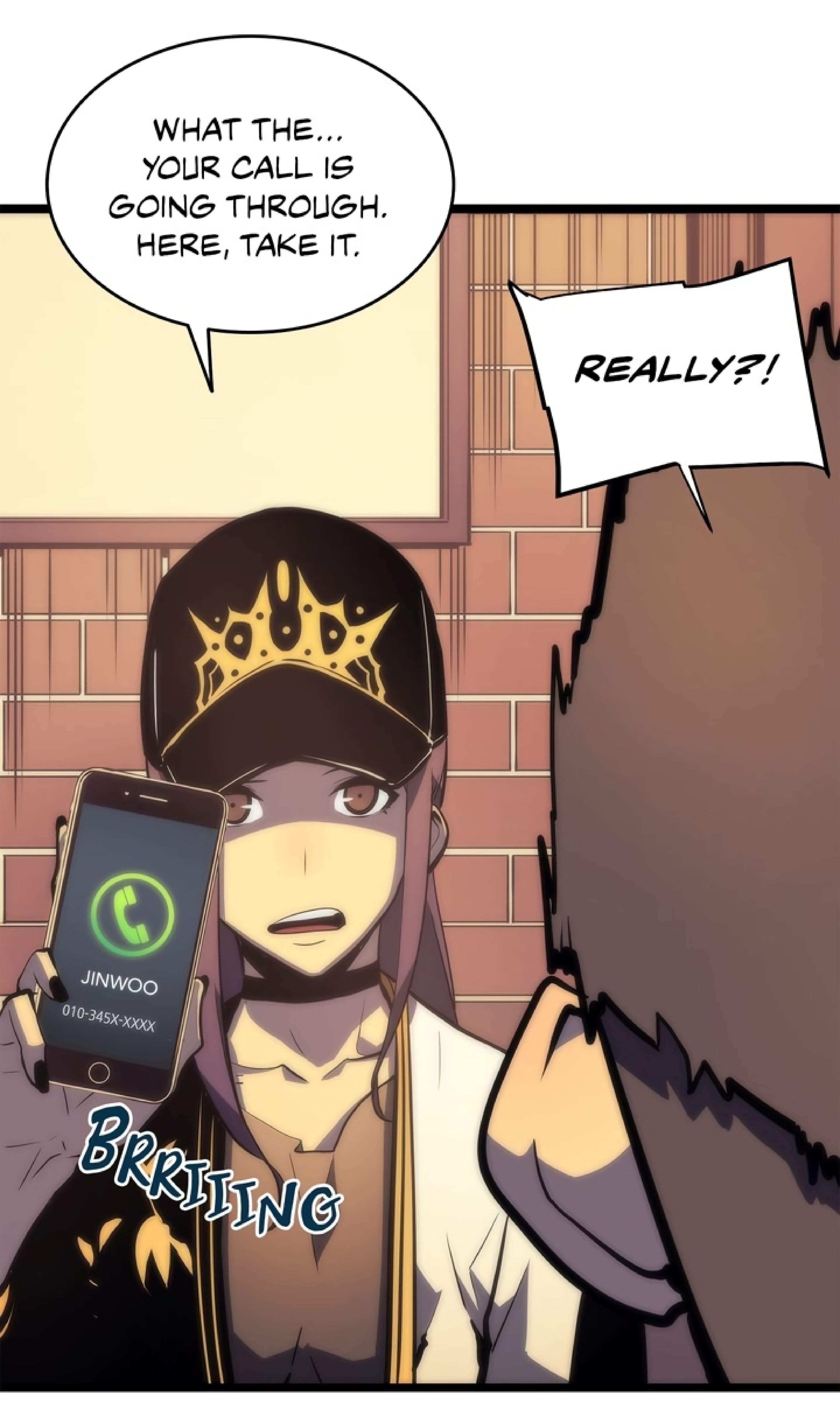
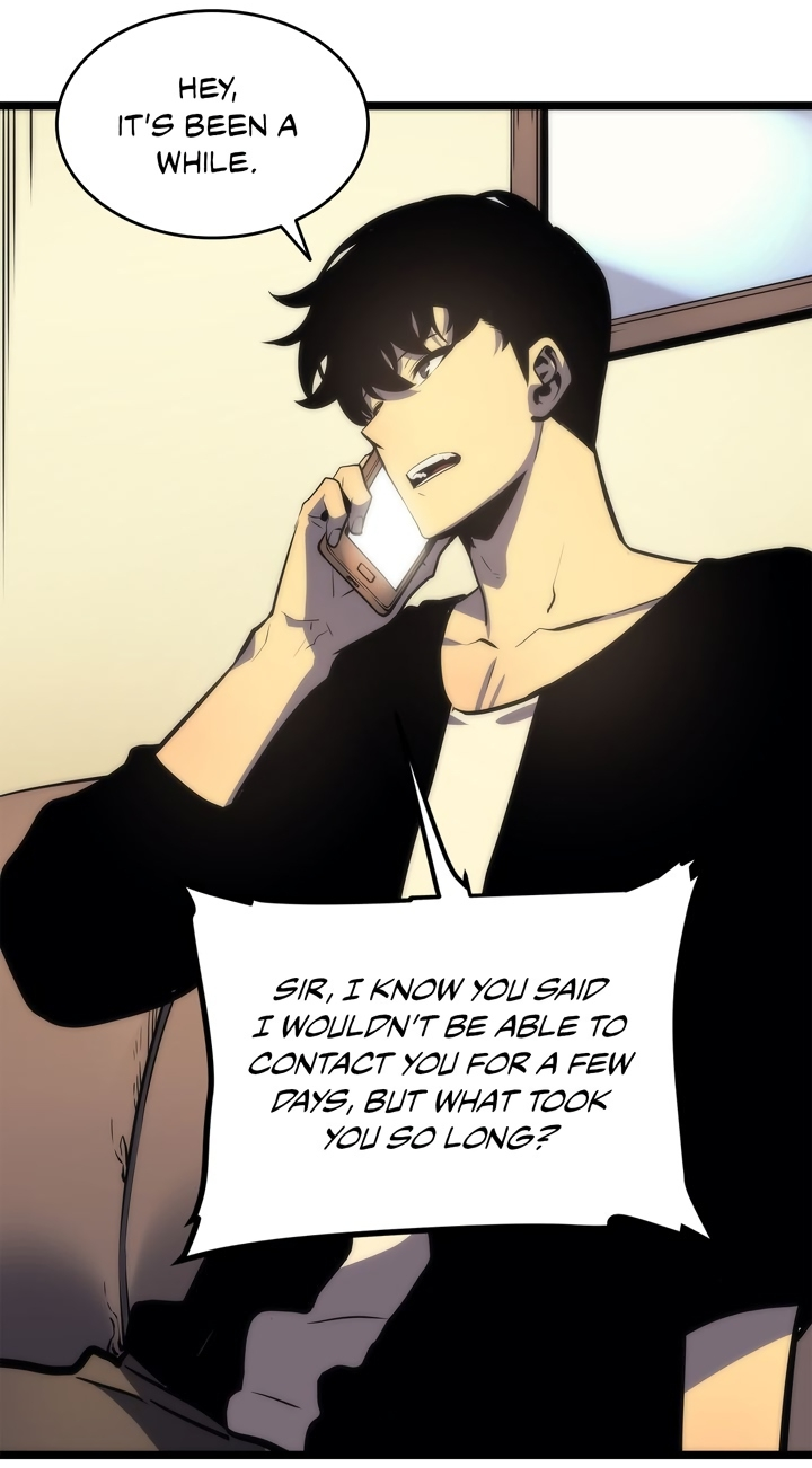
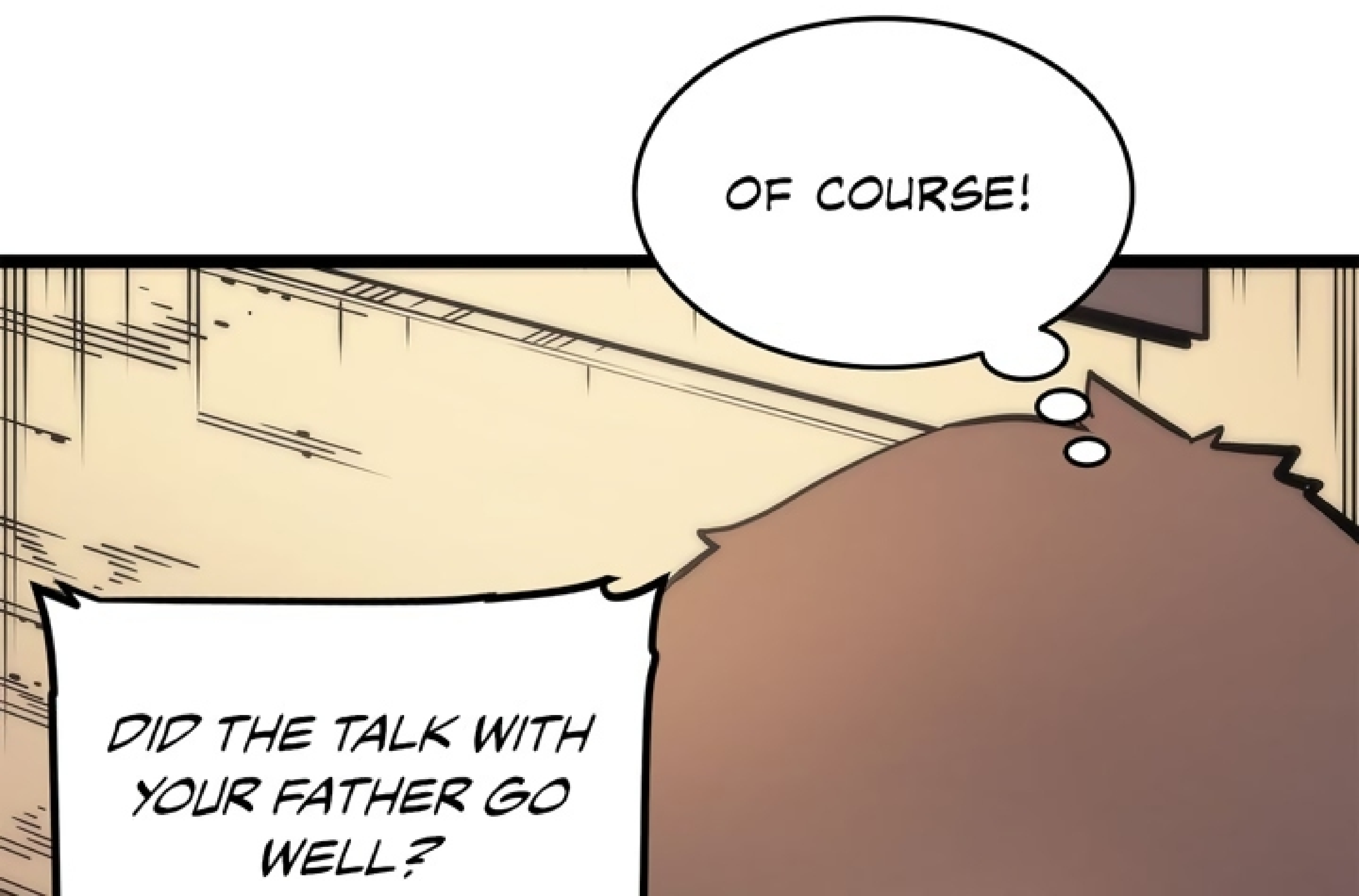
LEE MINSUNG IS PUTTING ON A SHOW?

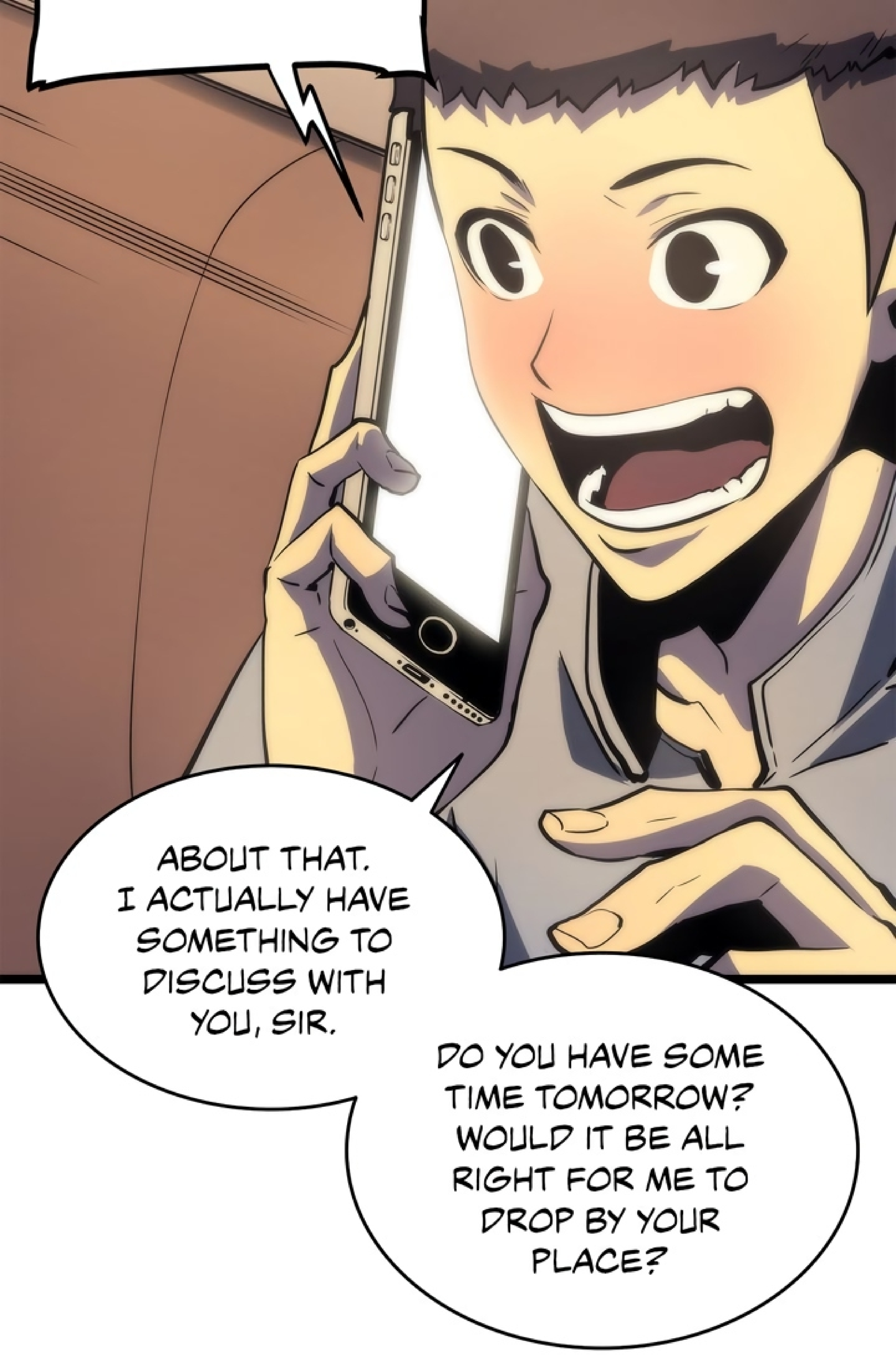

YEP, HE'S AN ATTENTION SEEKER.
HE'S ALSO A NOTORIOUS FLIRT... HE'S MADE PASSES AT ME AND THE OTHER MODELS.
I'M TELLING YOU, HE'S AN EXPERT AT THIS KIND OF STUFF.
HE HAD A BIG EGO EVEN BEFORE HE AWAKENED. I CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT HE'S LIKE NOW...


ANYWAY, IS THAT ALL YOU WANTED TO TALK ABOUT? I'M A BUSY PERSON.
SNATCH
GIMME YOUR PHONE. I'LL TRY CALLING THIS JINWOO GUY.

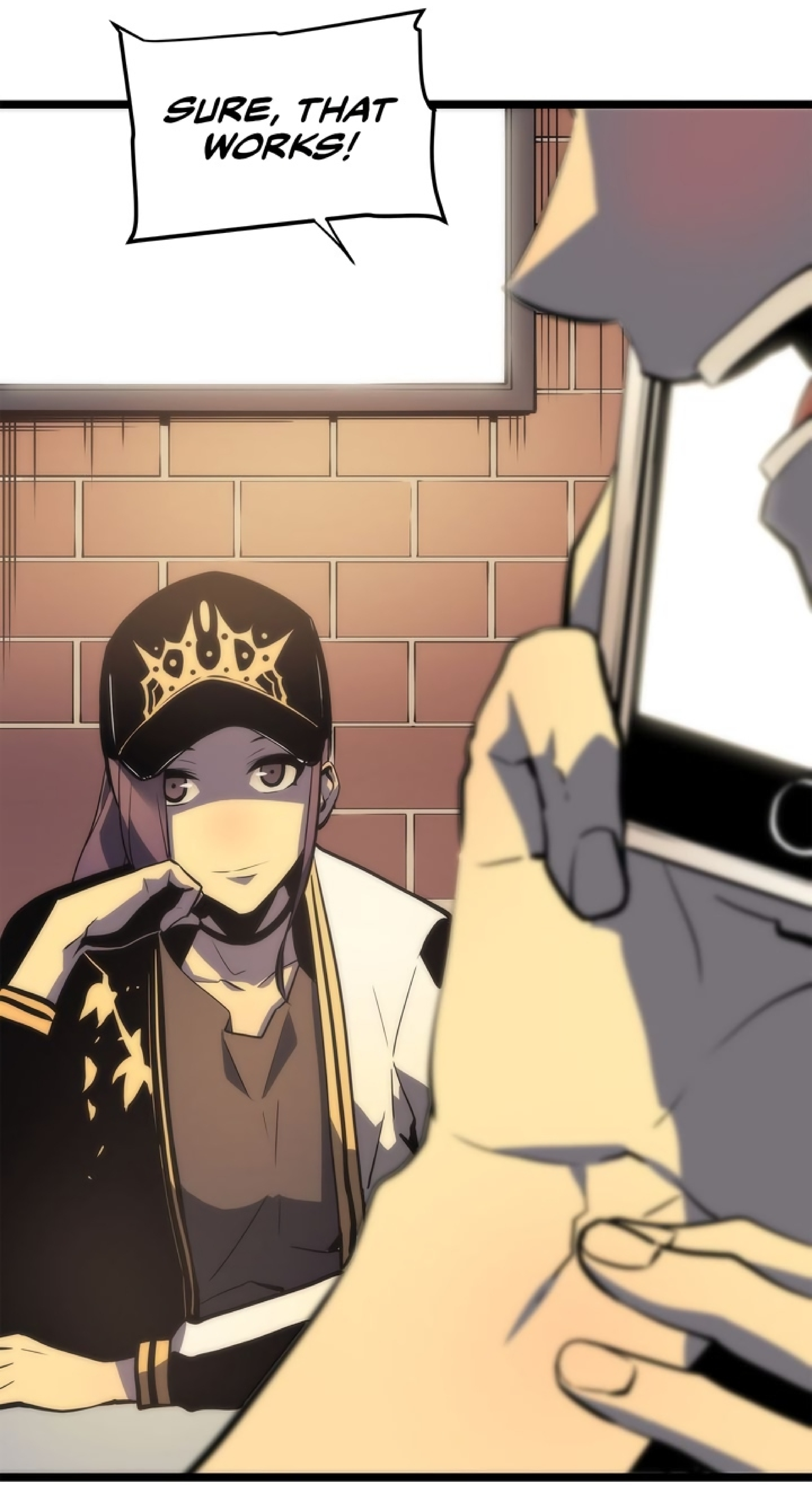

WHAT THE... YOUR CALL IS GOING THROUGH. HERE, TAKE IT.
REALLY?!
JINWOO
010-345X-XXXX
BRRIIIING

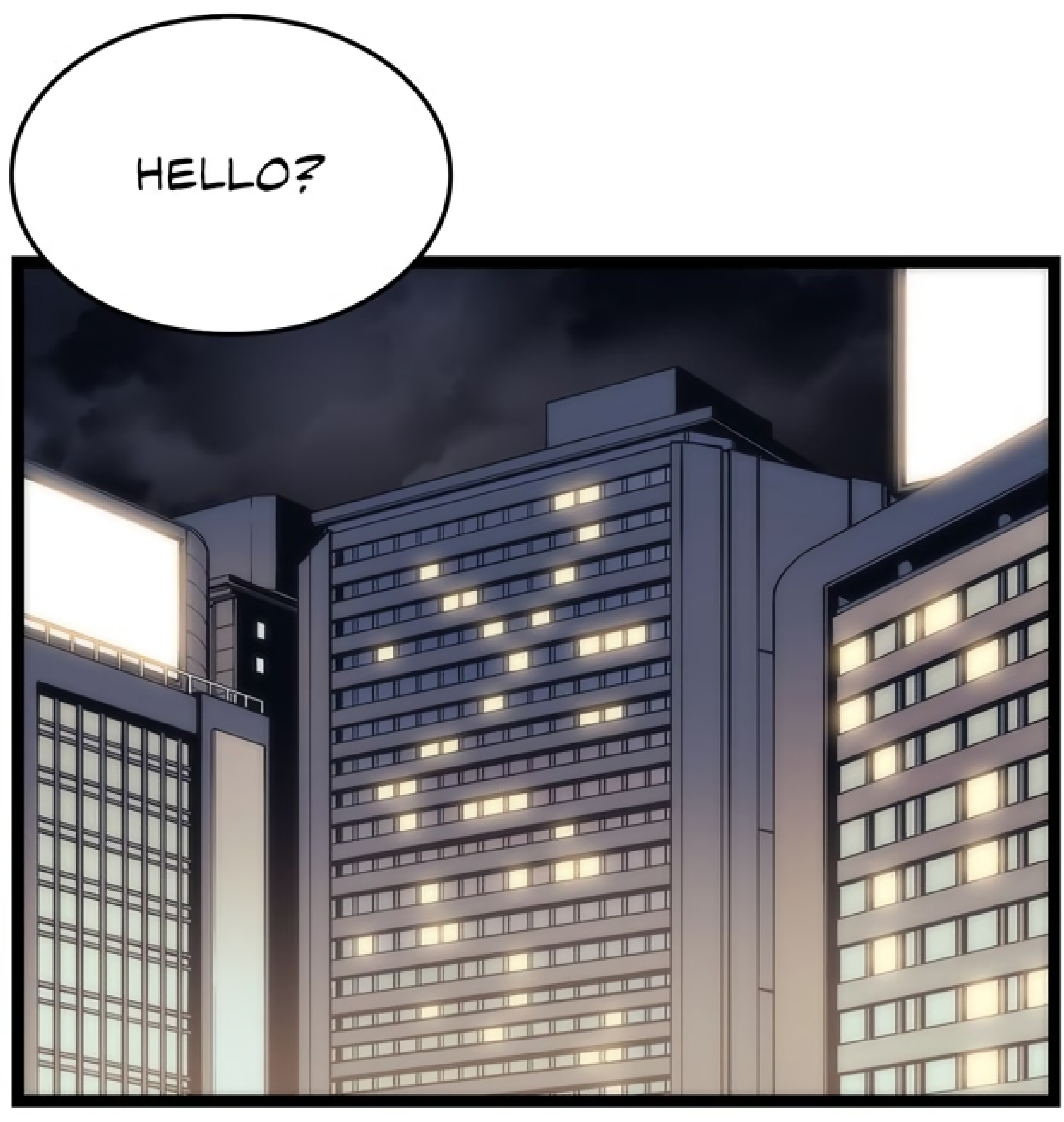

HEY, IT'S BEEN A WHILE.
SIR, I KNOW YOU SAID I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO CONTACT YOU FOR A FEW DAYS, BUT WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG?
I WAS IN A DUNGEON. WHERE ELSE WOULD I BE?


OF COURSE!
DID THE TALK WITH YOUR FATHER GO WELL?


ABOUT THAT. I ACTUALLY HAVE SOMETHING TO DISCUSS WITH YOU, SIR.
DO YOU HAVE SOME TIME TOMORROW? WOULD IT BE ALL RIGHT FOR ME TO DROP BY YOUR PLACE?

TOMORROW? ONLY IF YOU'RE OKAY WITH MEETING UP LATE AT NIGHT.


SURE, THAT WORKS!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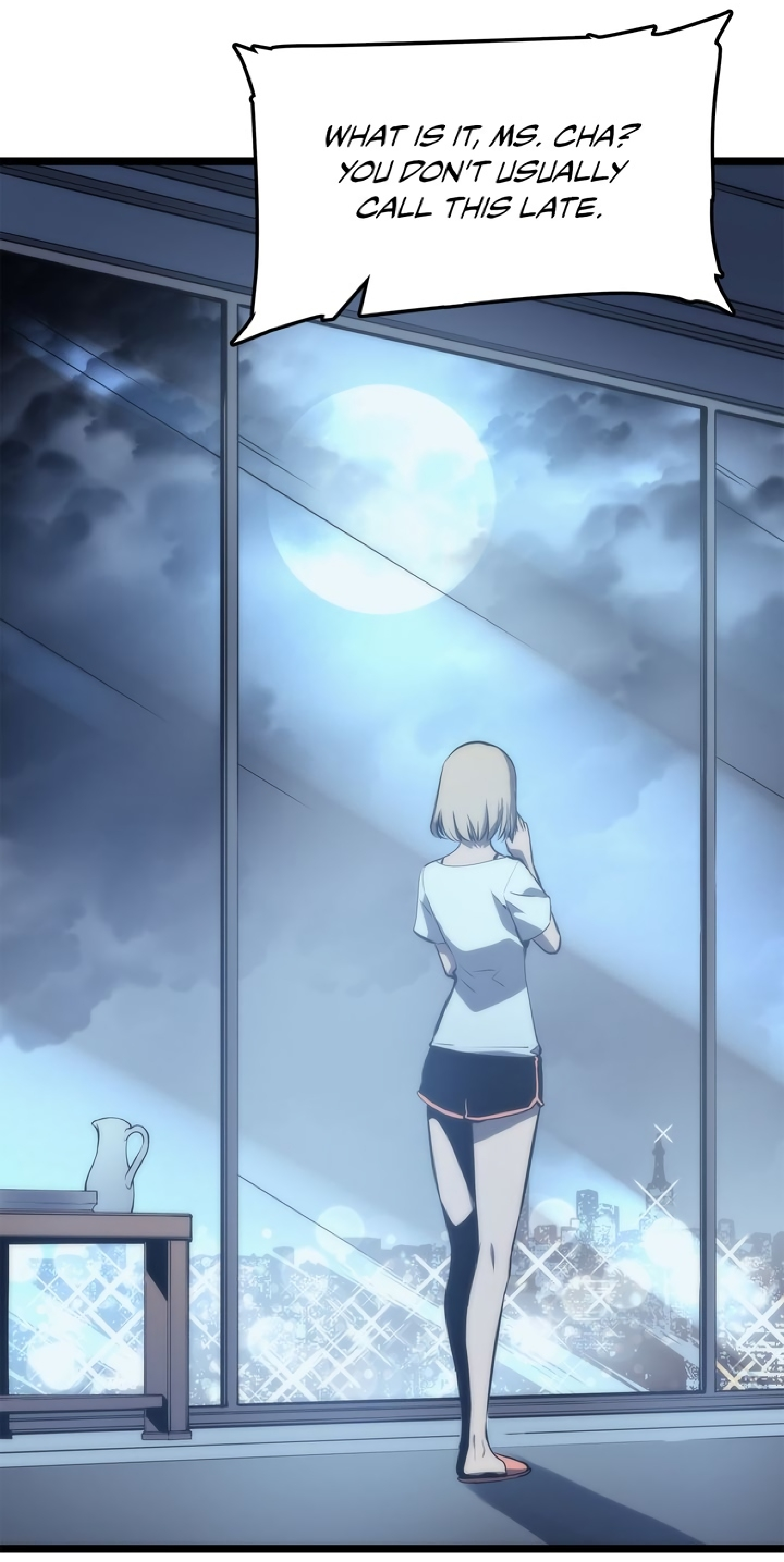
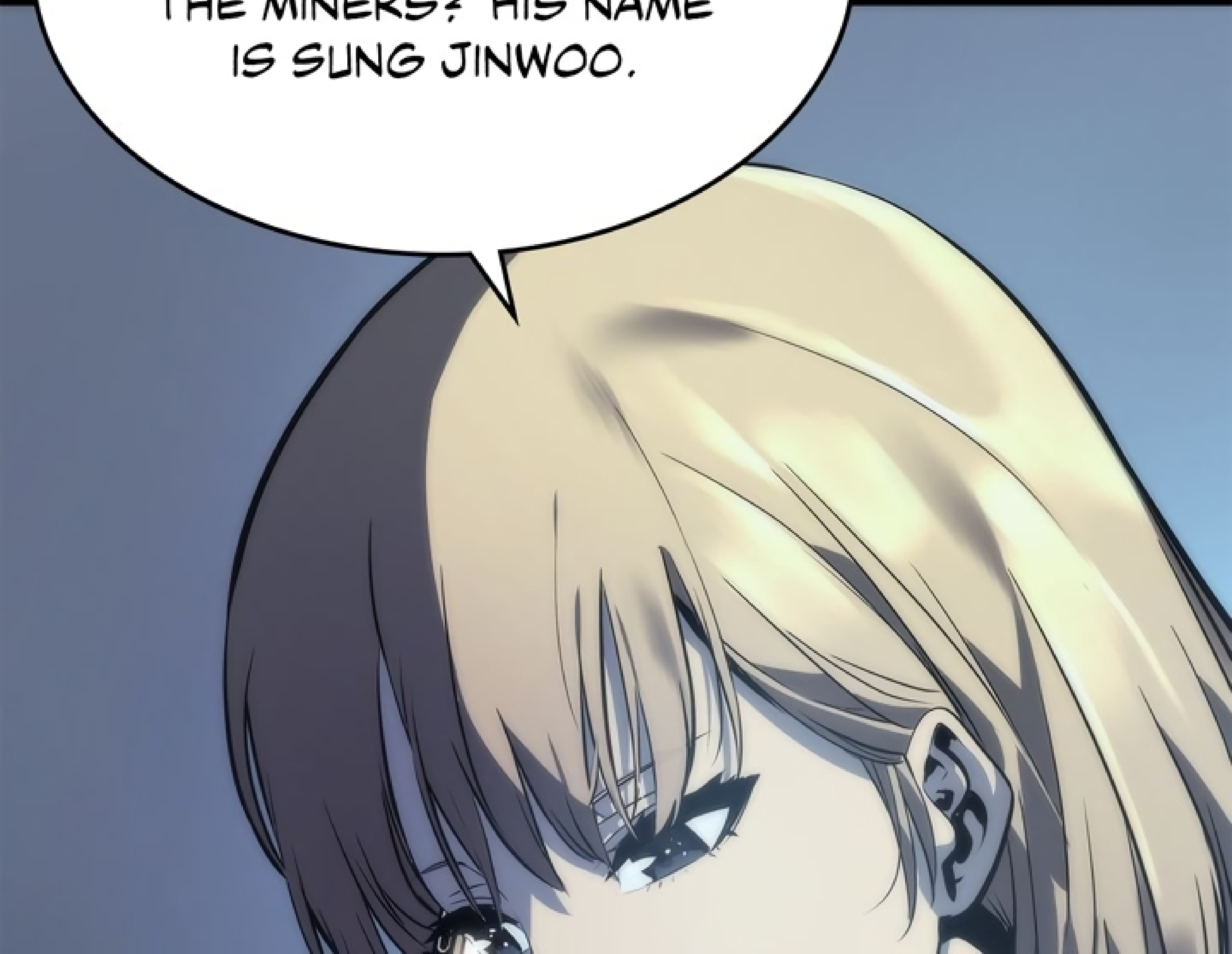

WHAT IS IT, MS. CHA? YOU DON'T USUALLY CALL THIS LATE.


CAN YOU GET ME SOME INFORMATION ON ONE OF THE MINERS? HIS NAME IS SUNG JINWOO.

To Be Continued...

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